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Crew aboard the 52-foot Motor Life Boat Invincible II from Coast Guard Station Grays Harbor prepare to tow a disabled vessel as a second boat crew aboard a 47-foot Motor Life Boat stands by near Grays Harbor, Wash., last week.

STATION GRAYS HARBOR/Courtesy of U.S. Coast Guard

Discharged Navy petty officer was running prostitution ring

By ROSE L. THAYER
Stars and Stripes

As a Navy counselor, Joseph Fetterman was tasked with mentoring young, enlisted sailors at Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City. For at least four years, the petty officer first class spent his days at the air force base helping sailors map out a career path, plan for retirement and weigh their options for rate changes.



Fetterman

But during at least his final year in that job, Fetterman, 35, was enhancing his military pay with cash flow from a prostitution ring that he and his wife, Kanyarat, operated using women flown to America from Thailand, according to documents released by the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office.

Using undercover agents, local law enforcement linked the couple to online advertisements, a massage

parlor and multiple apartments in the Oklahoma City area used for prostitution. The Fettermans eventually pleaded guilty in November to multiple charges related to prostitution and received deferred sentences of two years, meaning that as long as they stay out of trouble, neither will serve jail time.

But Fetterman, who was stationed with the Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 3, Sea Duty Compo-

ment at the air force base, was discharged from the Navy on Dec. 5. Service officials would not comment on his discharge.

Fetterman was first stationed at Tinker's Strategic Communications Wing 1 from 2006 to 2009. He returned to one of the wing's squadrons in October 2010, remaining at the base with the exception of one month of training in 2014 at Norfolk, Va.

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MILITARY

Army secretary: No reflective belts needed in daylight

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Soldiers can stash their reflective belts during workouts from dawn to dusk, the Army said in a memorandum issued earlier this month.

On Jan. 4, Army Secretary Mark Esper signed the directive that is part of a series of memos Esper and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley have issued since April 2018 that modify or eliminate training requirements to "improve warfighting readiness and lethality."

The latest memorandum also does away with centralized records collection of command-directed training and amends inventory processes for stocks of Army equipment prepositioned around the world for rapid deployment.

Previous memos have eliminated a host of Department of the Army headquarters-level require-

ments, which some soldiers have complained were too onerous or took too much time away from their efforts to conduct training, maintenance or operations.

For example, last year, Esper did away with the required use of the Travel Risk Planning System, or TRIPS, which often was required for leave requests. It also eliminated required training in trafficking in persons, accident avoidance, media awareness and HIV awareness, among several other topics.

This month's memo, the first of 2019 in the series, amends the Army safety program policy to state that the service "does not require the wear of the reflective training belt or vest during daylight hours, or while conducting physical training on closed roads or dedicated physical training routes."

The change seems to highlight the glaringly obvious — that a belt



AARON KNOWLES/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division participate in an esprit de corps run around Fort Stewart, Ga., on June 13, 2014. The Army will no longer require the reflective belts shown here during daylight hours.

worn to increase a soldier's visibility to drivers of cars and other vehicles on predawn or nighttime runs would not normally be needed in broad daylight or where vehicles generally can't go.

But some servicemembers have complained that a culture of excessive safety consciousness led to the requiring of the belts in less useful contexts or indiscriminately.

Dubbed "PT belts" or "glow belts" by soldiers and officially known as "Belt, High Visibility" in Army nomenclature, they've been a subject of much derision among soldiers and troops of services that require them in various training situations.

Widespread mockery of the strips of bright, reflective nylon includes invented lore about their supposed magical or secret powers.

In May, Gen. Robert B. Abrams, then-commander of the Army's

largest organization, U.S. Army Forces Command, said on Twitter that the service had "lost our collective minds" about when and where the belts are required.

Abrams said he and his senior enlisted adviser had instructed all Army divisions that they were free to set their own policies, but he and his adviser wouldn't wear the belts unless running "in the dark on unblocked roads."

Now, that same common-sense policy is essentially the formal Army guidance.

The memo also eliminates any requirement to record training in the Army's Digital Training Management System if the training is directed by commanders at echelons below the Army's headquarters.

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New US battalion in Germany activates

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — The Army last week activated a battalion to support its new field artillery brigade permanently stationed in Europe.

The 589th Brigade Support Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Ronald Veldzuan, uncased its unit colors during an activation ceremony in a gym on this Bavarian base Friday.

The maintenance battalion will support the 41st Field Artillery Brigade, which was activated at the base late last year to conduct long-range, precision artillery fire.

Once fully activated in 2020, the brigade and its subordinate units will also include two Multiple Launch Rocket System battalions and a signal company.

The new units are a result of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, which directed the U.S. Army to increase its presence in Europe to defend NATO allies and deter Russian aggression on the Continent, the Army said in a statement last month.

The 589th BSB was originally activated in England in the last years of World War II and has been deactivated and reactivated in many places throughout its history. It was last inactivated in 2015 at Fort Hood, Texas.

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Michigan police arrest 2 in soldier's New Year's Eve slaying

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ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Police in southern Michigan have arrested two suspects in the New Year's Eve slaying of a soldier who was fatally

shot while on leave.

The St. Joseph Township Police Department said Saturday that the suspects were arrested in Army Sgt. Tyrone Hassel III's killing after authorities received a tip.

Police said no additional information, including the suspects' names, will be released until they are arraigned.

Hassel, 23, was shot Dec. 31 while he was visiting his family for

the holidays. He died at a hospital from multiple gunshot wounds.

Hassel's obituary says he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2015 and was recently promoted to sergeant.

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2 Reagan sailors are sentenced in drug ring probe

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Two sailors who worked with the USS Ronald Reagan's nuclear reactor were sentenced after pleading guilty last month to charges stemming from a 2018 investigation into a drug ring that involved 15 sailors.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Ethan D. Strandberg and Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew W. Miller, both nuclear machinist mates, were reduced in rank to E-1 and discharged from the Navy for bad conduct in exchange for pleading guilty to drug distribution charges. Both must also serve short terms in confinement.

According to a Dec. 7 pretrial

agreement, Strandberg pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and two counts of wrongful use or possession of controlled substances.

Strandberg admitted to conspiring with another person to distribute methylenedioxymethamphetamine — also known as MDMA or ecstasy — while on board the USS Ronald Reagan and at or near Yokosuka, Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan" between January 2017 and February 2018.

The second person's name was redacted.

Miller pleaded guilty to one count of wrongful use or possession of controlled substances. He admitted in a Dec. 13 pretrial agreement that he'd distributed

lysergic acid diethylamide, or LSD, several times near Yokosuka between January 2017 and February 2018.

As part of their plea agreements, Strandberg will spend 60 days in confinement and Miller will spend 30 days in confinement, according to Naval Forces Japan spokeswoman Cmdr. Reann Mommesen.

Three more Ronald Reagan sailors await court hearings in connection with this case. As part of their plea agreements, Strandberg and Miller agreed to testify against codefendants if called upon.

One unidentified defendant has completed an Article 32 pretrial hearing and a second is awaiting one, Mommesen said.

Article 32 hearings are used

to determine if there is sufficient evidence to justify a trial.

The third defendant, Petty Officer 2nd Class Sean Gevere, a nuclear electrician's mate, is awaiting a special court-martial on a charge of wrongful use or possession of controlled substances, Mommesen said.

Ten other Reagan sailors received nonjudicial punishments in connection with the case, 7th Fleet spokesman Lt. Joe Keiley said in November. Further information about those disciplinary actions was not publicly released, per Navy policy on administrative issues.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service has officially ended its investigations into the drug-distribution case, Mommesen said.

Japanese authorities had been involved early in the investigation when it was thought that the drugs were being sold to locals off base. They dropped their investigation in June.

Fourteen of the 15 implicated sailors were assigned to the Ronald Reagan's nuclear reactor department, Keiley said in June. Those suspected of involvement were removed from those duties as the investigation got underway. Keiley said in November that there was no evidence to suggest that the drug operation affected the sailors' work.

"Propagation plant operations are supervised by senior personnel," he said.

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Missing plane stolen by airman in 1960s may have been located

By WILLIAM HOWARD
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RAF MILDENHALL, England — British divers from the survey company Deeper Dorset think they've found a U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules that's been subject to rumor and speculation for nearly half a century.

The plane had been missing since May 23, 1969, when Sgt. Paul Meyer, a U.S. Air Force assistant crew chief stationed at RAF Mildenhall, got drunk, impersonated an officer and took off from the flight line in it one early morning, planning to fly home to Virginia to see his wife. Not long after takeoff, the plane disappeared from radar.

"Leave me alone for about five minutes. I've got trouble," Meyer said in his final transmission to his wife over the sideband radio.

He crashed into the English Channel near Alderney Island about two hours after starting the fateful flight. Some debris was recovered at the time, but the homesick sergeant, who had been due to return home in a month but couldn't wait, was never found.

Deeper Dorset began looking for the missing Hercules last April after a successful Kickstarter campaign raised about \$8,000 for the effort.

They had a November deadline to com-

plete the search before weather conditions and tide would force them to stop.

On the last possible day of their search, team founder and boat skipper Grahame Knott says he likely located the C-130 after sonar had scanned a 10-square-mile area of seabed for 20 days.

Later analysis of both the sonar data and video supported their findings, Deeper Dorset photographer Simon Brown said.

"One large aircraft, not Second World War vintage, in the right location can only be the thing we're looking for," Brown said. "It's more than likely the missing Hercules."

The team must wait for safer weather conditions before they can dive the site for a closer inspection, Brown said.

"We're now waiting for probably from April time onwards to do the first dive," Brown said. "We'll take every opportunity we can this season to pay a visit until such point that we've exhausted the survey."

Deeper Dorset plans to use underwater photogrammetry, which makes measurements using pictures, to build a model of the site for further study, which may finally unveil the cause of Meyer's crash.

"The family is absolutely delighted that we found it and is now hoping beyond hope that we can answer some more questions," Brown said.

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unique wealth of experience and will advocate for our sailors and their families serving overseas," Adm. James Foggo, Naval Forces Europe and Africa commander, said in a statement.

Walters is just the second Navy SEAL to be a fleet master chief. The first was Master Chief Petty Officer Roy Maddock, while at European Command, 2009-13.

Born in Atlantic City, N.J., in 1969 and raised in New York City, Walters initially struggled to pass the SEAL entry test because of his poor swimming skills at boot camp in Orlando, Fla., according to a 2015 Navy profile.

"He (Walters) is a proven leader who brings a tremendous and very

And the guys had already done one lap and I had only moved 20 yards, I said. This is not good. When the time had elapsed, I had only gone 100 yards, so I did not pass,"

Walters said of the 500-meter swim test. "I crushed everyone else at the other events."

Eventually, he passed even the swimming portion. After intelligence

specialist school in Virginia Beach, Va., he completed Basic Underwater Demolition SEAL training, graduating in 1988.

Walters served with SEAL Teams 2 and 8 and was later operations and command master chief for SEAL Team 2 and senior enlisted adviser for Naval Special Warfare's Group 2 training detachment. Based in Little Creek, Va., NSW Group 2, the East Coast component of the Naval Special Warfare Command, concentrates geographically on Europe, Africa, the Atlantic and South America. SEAL Teams 2 and 8, deployable squadrons of the Navy's elite troops, fall under NSW Group 2.

Walters also served as command master chief at the Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado and was the senior enlisted leader of NATO special operations in Belgium.

Kemp, whom Walters will replace, joined the Navy in 1986 as a data processing technician.

He has done combat deployments in the 5th, 6th and 7th fleet theaters, including operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Southern Watch, New Dawn and Desert Storm.

He served as command master chief aboard the USS Mason and USS Harry S. Truman and at the Navy Inspector General's office.

In rarity for service, Navy SEAL to take reins as 6th Fleet master chief

By SCOTT WYLAND
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — A Navy SEAL will become a fleet master chief for only the second time in the service's history this spring when Master Chief Petty Officer Derrick Walters takes the post at Naval Forces Europe and Africa.

Walters, now the force master chief for Naval Special Warfare headquarters in Coronado, Calif., will replace retiring Master Chief Petty Officer Raymond Kemp, who has been fleet master chief since August 2016.

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Walters



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Deeper Dorset founder Grahame Knott, center rear, talks with diver Simon Brown and his daughter, Emily, aboard the RW Two, docked in Weymouth, England, last May.

PACIFIC



Drumming up culture

The pounding drums of the Samurai Taiko drum team Friday signaled the seventh annual Japan Culture Day at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo. The two-hour festival, sponsored by the Japanese Welfare Association, put traditional food, music, kimonos and samurai clothing on display for Yokota personnel and their families. About 450 people turned out for the event. The drum team, composed of American and Japanese members, performed a 20-minute set. Clockwise from above: A member of the drum team performs; a woman giggles while helping airmen dress up like samurai; samurai re-enactors fire confetti into the air; a local man in samurai garb blows a conch shell to kick off the event.

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MILITARY

Put in a 'difficult spot'

Coast Guard families struggle amid shutdown

By ROSE L. THAYER
Stars and Stripes

TAUSTIN, Texas — The prospect of Ashleigh Murdock's husband missing a paycheck from the Coast Guard couldn't have come at a worse time.

The family of five relocated to Seattle nearly a year and a half ago and purchased a home. They rented their previous home in Maine to another Coast Guard family, but heavy rains last fall caused the basement to flood. Murdock said they spent their savings to repair the basement and conduct mold testing that wasn't covered by insurance.

Now, Murdock is looking to pay two mortgages along with the rest of her family's bills on the small income that she earns working with special needs children in a local school district. Her husband, a 16-year member of the Coast Guard, is deployed as an electrician's mate on the Polar Star, an icebreaker making its annual trip to open waterways near Antarctica for commerce.

"I have two teenagers and an 8-year-old. All I care about is just getting them fed and having gas to get to work so I can keep that paycheck," said Murdock, 34. "It's hard because they know. The kids know about what's going on. They ask for things, and I have to tell them it's too right now."

Petty Officer 1st Class Ron Murdock is one of roughly 41,000 Coast Guard members bracing for the partial government shutdown to continue and deny them a paycheck on Tuesday.

The potential for a shutdown began when Congress failed to pass a budget for portions of the federal government before a Dec. 21 deadline, stoked by a disagreement with President Donald Trump to fund his campaign promise of a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico.

Unavailable funds

Though the other military service branches — Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines — are part of the Department of Defense, which has been unaffected by the shutdown, the Coast Guard falls under the Department of Homeland Security.

The lapse in funding has led to the furlough of about 7,400 civilian workers of the Coast Guard and could affect the disbursement of pay for some 50,000 retired Coast Guard members and employees, officials said.

The White House and Democrats on Capitol Hill have met three times but have failed to agree on funding for the wall or reopening any portion of the government. Trump has said he will not sign a spending resolution without \$5 billion for border wall funding. Congressional Democrats are refusing to relent to the president on this issue.

Though Coast Guard officials were able to pull together the \$150 million needed to cover pay for

their Dec. 31 checks, the funds are not available for Tuesday's payday.

"The Coast Guard will work to pay our workforce as quickly as possible immediately following a (fiscal year 2019) appropriation, continuing resolution or passage of an alternative funding measure," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Barry Lane, a spokesman for the Coast Guard.

To ensure her family is fed, Murdock canceled their membership to the local YMCA, she cut cable television and froze one of her children's cellphones. She also has an appointment scheduled with a local food bank.

"Somebody asked if they could go to the store and buy groceries for me. I don't want to do that," she said. "Come February, I may have to take them up on that."

Impact at the academy

Across the service, some civilians and servicemembers are keeping the critical missions running, but in other instances, work is going undone.

At the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., cadets are considered active-duty and will not receive their paychecks along with the staff and faculty, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Lauren Laughlin, spokeswoman for the academy. Classes began on schedule Saturday for the 1,100 cadets, but adjustments have been made to accommodate for furloughed professors.

About 160 of the academy's 260 civilian employees were furloughed.

Several sections of a Coast Guard ethics class have been merged into one 150-student night class, Laughlin said. That deviates from the allotted class hours from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the typical 20-student class size.

A one-credit course on Coast Guard history was canceled to allow for nonfurloughed teachers to shift around and pick up the gaps left by other teachers who are furloughed. All seniors have already taken the required course, so it can be offered to younger students in a different semester.

The Spirit of the Bear awards ceremony scheduled for last Thursday was canceled because of the shutdown, Laughlin said. At that annual event, students present awards to people they voted as someone who has helped cadets build character and grow into young officers. Some of those recipients are furloughed, so officials chose to postpone the event.

"We felt it would not be right to have the ceremony without everybody included," Laughlin said.

Aside from payday, Tuesday is also the day admissions letters are set to be mailed for prospective cadets. Those letters will go out as scheduled, she said.

The Coast Guard boasts it is the oldest continuous seagoing service because the Navy was temporarily disbanded in the 1770s.

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Courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard Venice (La.)

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jon Adams, of Coast Guard Station Venice, La., towing a vessel that was disabled approximately 25 miles south of Venice on Dec. 29.

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MILITARY

Guard: Some don't know members of 5th military branch not getting paid

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In its earliest formation as the U.S. Lighthouse Service, the military branch operated under the Treasury Department, according to its online history. It officially became the Coast Guard in 1915 under President Woodrow Wilson. Two years later, during World War I, it moved into the Navy department.

It bounced between those departments before landing in the Department of Transportation in 1967 and then, finally, into the newly formed Department of Homeland Security in 2003. Worldwide, its members ensure U.S. shipping lanes remain open for commerce. Domestically, the Coast Guard protects America's waters environmentally and physically.

It's also there to keep Americans safe from drowning. On average, Coast Guard members save 10 lives a day, Laughlin said.

Those members deploy alongside the other military branches. They have participated in all of America's wars, including in post-9/11 combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. It's the Coast Guard that inspects packed shipping containers before they are sent back home.

Everybody knows there are five military branches. They say Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force. That's only say four," Laughlin said. "Just as the other branches, we have a desire and need to serve. We want to help. We want to make a difference."

Just like the other branches of the military have a mutual aid society to provide support for servicemembers in times of financial emergencies, the Coast Guard members can turn to

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. The nonprofit has pledged to help all members at pay levels E-5 and below — about 22,000 members of the workforce — during the shutdown.

"We're getting calls of uncertainty," said retired Rear Adm. Cari Thomas, CEO of mutual assistance. So far, as members watch the news and make plans to miss pay, she said, they've already received a small number of requests from servicemembers overseas or deployed.

"We're doing what we can, and we make exceptions where we can," Thomas said. "We're asking the whole community of people to come together. We're asking restaurants to open for free food, gas stations to open for a free tank of gas, barber shops to open for free haircuts. We're asking businesses and landlords to extend a phone bill or rent due date."

A separate Coast Guard employee program, Coast Guard Support Program, received backlash last week for a tip sheet encouraging furloughed civilians to host a yard sale or become a mystery shopper to earn extra income during the shutdown, The Washington Post reported. The tip sheet has since been removed from its website.

The Coast Guard also has received calls from people asking what they can do to support or raise awareness of the ongoing issue with pay. Thomas helped Army veteran Evelyn Cowley host a fundraiser at her ranch outside Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"We don't have the cash flow, especially just starting up (on our ranch) right now, to make large donations ourselves that would make a difference," Cowley said.



Ryan Estrada/Courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard Station Golden Gate's 47-foot Motor Lifeboat crews conduct surf training near Ocean Beach in San Francisco on Dec. 13. The crews train in high surf to ensure they are prepared to respond to maritime emergencies during rough weather conditions.

“Everything we have, we work hard on doing it on our own. ... Right now, we’re OK, but they’re putting us in a very difficult spot. ”

Ashleigh Murdock
wife of Coast Guard member

Through their fundraiser on New Year's Eve, Cowley and her husband, a Marine Corps veteran, felt they helped bring in some donations but, more importantly, awareness.

"That was really our main goal," she said. "Just because you're getting your paycheck this month doesn't mean everybody is. Most people I talked to in this area, they didn't know that the Coast Guard wasn't getting paid until we opened our New Year's Eve party to the Coast Guard."

Back in Seattle, Murdock said she feels helpless and stuck in the middle of this entire situation — as if her family's much-needed income is being held ransom.

Last week, she called the office of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to ask that he bring to the floor a bill that would pay the Coast Guard. Other than that, she feels helpless.

She worries her husband will come home in the spring and find himself in financial ruin because bills went unpaid for how-

ever long this shutdown lasts. "Everything we have, we work hard on doing it on our own. It feels like it's all just falling apart. It's out of our control," Murdock said. "Right now, we're OK, but they're putting us in a very difficult spot. It's already stressful enough to have my husband deployed, to have three kids to care for and a full-time job."

"I'm doing my best to hold it all together, but things are slipping."

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B-2 stealth bombers return to Hawaii for training, patrolling

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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Three B-2 Spirit bombers and more than 200 airmen arrived Thursday at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to support U.S. Strategic Command's Bomber Task Force mission, the Air Force said.

This is the second time B-2 bombers, based at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., have rotated to Hawaii to support the task force, the service said in a statement Friday.

In August, the stealth bombers flew multiple local and long-duration sorties out of Hawaii, conducted rapid "hot-pit" refuel-

ing and trained with F-22 Raptors operated by the Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron.

B-2 bombers routinely rotate to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam for training and regional patrols.

"Deploying to Hawaii enables us to showcase to a large Ameri-

can and international audience that the B-2 is on watch 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready to protect our country and its allies," Lt. Col. Joshua Dorr, 393rd Bomb Squadron director of operations, said in the statement.

"It affords us the opportunity to work with our allies in joint exercises and validates our al-

ways-ready global strike capability," he said.

The B-2 Spirit can carry conventional or nuclear weapons. Its design makes it difficult to be detected by radar, allowing it to penetrate sophisticated enemy defenses.

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Report: Sacked sub commander hired 10 prostitutes in Philippines

Stars and Stripes

The commander of a fast-attack submarine was relieved of his duties last summer after admitting he paid for "female accompaniment" during a stop in the Philippines, a Washington state newspaper reported Friday.

Capt. Travis Zettel, who lost his job aboard the USS Bremer-

ton in late August because of "a loss in confidence in his ability to command," was reassigned to the Submarine Squadron 19 staff at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Navy officials said at the time.

The Kitsap Sun, of Bremerton, Wash. — where the Bremerton began its decommissioning last spring — based its report on documents received through a Free-

ton of Information Act request.

During the submarine's March visit to Subic Bay, Philippines, Zettel was seen with 10 "provocatively dressed females outside the front door of [his] hotel," a sailor told the Naval Criminal Investigative Service after calling an inspector general hotline, according to the newspaper.

The tipster said Zettel told him

and another sailor that he'd "ordered 10 girls," the report said. Another sailor told investigators he saw Zettel walking around and talking to other sailors in his command with "three local females holding onto him."

The newspaper said NCIS agents later confronted Zettel with the allegations and that he "admitted culpability in the payment of

female accompaniment."

During the incident, the Bremerton — then based at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam — was on the final patrol of its nearly four-decade career. The Navy's oldest active submarine left Hawaii on April 20 for Bremerton to be decommissioned.

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WAR/MILITARY

Israel confirms major strike on targets in Syria

BY ARON HELLER
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JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday confirmed that Israel has struck hundreds of Iranian and Hezbollah targets in Syria, including a weapons facility, in a weekend airstrike as the military announced the discovery of a sixth and final tunnel dug by the Lebanese militant group for cross-border attacks.

The statements marked a rare, public acknowledgement of Israeli attacks against Hezbollah and its patron Iran in neighboring Syria, where Israel is long believed to have targeted Iranian weapons shipments to the Lebanese Shiite group.

Israel has until now generally refrained from commenting about the strikes for fear of triggering a reaction and being drawn into the deadly fighting in neighboring

Syria's civil war.

At his weekly Cabinet meeting, Netanyahu publicly confirmed the strike as he thanked outgoing military chief Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot for long years of service and particularly his marshalling of Israel's shadowy campaign against Iran in recent years.

"We have operated with impressive success in thwarting Iran from establishing a military foothold in Syria, in the framework of which the military has struck hundreds of times against Iranian and Hezbollah targets," Netanyahu said. "In the last 36 hours alone, the air force struck storage facilities with Iranian weapons at the Damascus International Airport. The bulk of recent attacks show how we are more committed than ever to act against Iran in Syria, as we promised."

Coupled with the announcement that after Sunday's discovery, Israel was wrapping up its opera-



ARIEL SCHALIT/AP

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sits between Minister of Transport Israel Katz, left, and Government Secretary Tzahi Braverman during his weekly Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on Sunday.

tion to destroy Hezbollah's tunnel network into Israel, the weekend strike in Syria is widely seen as Eisenkot's "parting shot" as his four-year tenure as military chief ends. He will be replaced on Tuesday by Maj. Gen. Aviv Kochavi.

After keeping a low profile throughout most of his term, Eisenkot gave a series of interviews over the weekend focusing on his shifting the military's attention toward

Iran directly instead of just engaging its lesser proxies — Lebanon's Hezbollah and Hamas in Gaza. In a New York Times interview published Friday, Eisenkot said that Israel "has struck thousands of targets without claiming responsibility or asking for credit" as part of his showdown with Qassim Soleimani, the commander of Iran's elite Quds Force.

A far more visible part of his

legacy has been the recent Lebanese border operation, which the military said thwarted Hezbollah's prime strategic investment for its next potential war.

"We have achieved the goal that we set out to achieve," Military spokesman Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus said. "According to our intelligence, there are no longer any cross-border attack tunnels into Israel."

Ring: Investigators found multiple women working for petty officer

FROM FRONT PAGE

The Navy's presence is small at Tinker, with about 1,700 active-duty personnel. As a squadron counselor, Fetterman would have helped many of the 500 sailors assigned to the unit navigate their next move in the Navy.

During his time there, Fetterman married, divorced and then remarried Kanyarat, whose family is originally from Thailand. Their most recent marriage license was filed in February 2017, according to Oklahoma County court records.

The first evidence of their prostitution ring appeared just seven months later, according to

authorities.

In the Oklahoma City police investigation of the Fettermans, detectives arranged to meet a woman through a website known for prostitution in September 2017, according to district attorney records. When the undercover agent arrived at the apartment, a woman offered to perform sexual acts with the agent for \$160. The apartment was leased to Kanyarat Fetterman.

Police conducted similar stings in February and March 2018 with two more women at two other apartments leased by Kanyarat Fetterman. At one apartment, detectives found business cards for Bangkok Traditional Thai Mas-

sage in nearby Del City, Okla. Kanyarat Fetterman was listed as the sole proprietor of the business, which was closed at some point during the investigation for code violations, according to records.

The women arrested for prostitution told investigators that they had seen Kanyarat and Joseph Fetterman come to collect money from them and at the massage parlor and often driving a new Chevy Camaro.

In April 2018, Kanyarat Fetterman was observed at the Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City picking up a woman that investigators believed to be from Thailand. The woman and her

luggage were brought to the massage parlor, the report stated.

Investigators also concluded the couple lived in a home valued at more than \$250,000, which they considered beyond the means of an E-6, along with the responsibility of about \$1,800 total in rent for the various apartments. The couple was also able to quickly pay off two new vehicles — the Camaro and a Honda Odyssey. The basic pay for an E-6 with more than 16 years in service is about \$3,800 a month.

Joseph Fetterman's Navy service record and decorations indicated he enlisted in February 2001 and deployed in support of the global war on terrorism. Other

overseas service included time in a Naval Criminal Investigative Service field office in Bahrain and on board the USS Harry Truman and the USS Carter Hall.

His medals include four Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals, a Good Conduct Medal and a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. His home state of record is listed as Ohio.

To become a career counselor, the Navy requires a rank of petty officer first or second class and experience in the total environment of the service, according to its online job description with Navy Personnel Command.

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Afghan interpreter for US detained with family at Houston airport

BY ALEX HORTON
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — A former interpreter for U.S. troops in Afghanistan was detained Friday after arriving at a Houston airport with his family and threatened with deportation back to Kabul, a legal service advocacy group said, in a move that could jeopardize his life.

Mohais Motawakil, 48, was detained by Customs and Border Protection. The agency allowed

his wife and five children to be released at 10 p.m. Friday following pressure from lawmakers, said William Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services.

An attorney for RAICES is representing Motawakil.

Motawakil served as an interpreter for U.S. troops from 2012 to 2013, and later as a U.S. contractor, Fitzgerald said. He and his family had been granted special immigrant visas allotted for

Afghans and Iraqis who supported U.S. war efforts and were endangered because of their work, usually by the Taliban and other militants who consider them traitors and prize their capture. The Special Immigrant Visa process takes years for many applicants, who must get letters of support from U.S. officials to voice for them and must demonstrate their lives have been imperiled.

Someone, potentially in the family, opened sealed medical records, prompting CBP to de-

tain the family over concerns the records could have been "faked," Fitzgerald told The Washington Post. "Then [CBP] said they would be deported," he said, adding that the family is "confused and traumatized" over the ordeal.

"The father remains detained, and his wife and children were allowed into the U.S. pending the outcome of his proceedings," the agency said in a statement Saturday.

A State Department information page instructs immigrants

not to open their sealed document packet, but it does not suggest why or warn immigrants about potential consequences. It was not clear why or how the packet was opened.

An attorney for RAICES has not been able to meet with Motawakil, Fitzgerald said.

"How unjust is this Afghan family, who helped our military, is in same airport as counsel — & yet have been walled off from one another," Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, said on Twitter.

NATION

President avoids question on his work with Russia

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump avoided giving a direct answer when asked if he currently is or has ever worked for Russia after a published report said federal law enforcement officials were so concerned about his behavior after he fired James Comey from the FBI that they began investigating whether Trump had been working for the U.S. adversary against American interests.

Trump said it was the "most insulting" question he'd ever been asked.

The New York Times report Friday cited unnamed former law enforcement officials and others familiar with the investigation.

Trump responded to the report Saturday during a telephone interview broadcast on Fox News Channel after host Jeanine Pirro, who is also a personal friend of the president, asked whether he is currently or has ever worked for Russia.

"I think it's the most insulting thing I've ever been asked," Trump said. "I think it's the most insulting article I've ever had written, and if you read the article you'll see that they found absolutely nothing."

Trump never answered Pirro's question directly but went on to say that no president has taken a harder stance against Russia than he has.

"If you ask the folks in Russia, I've been tougher on Russia than anybody else, any other ... probably any other president, period, but certainly the last three or four presidents."



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

President Donald Trump said he was insulted by a question of whether he has worked for Russia.

The Times reported that FBI agents and some top officials became suspicious of Trump's ties to Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign but didn't open an investigation at that time because they weren't sure how to approach such a sensitive and important probe, according to the unnamed officials. But Trump's behavior in the days around Comey's May 2017 firing as FBI director, specifically two instances in which he seemed to tie Comey's ousting to the Russia investigation, helped trigger the counterintelligence part of the investigation, according to the newspaper.

In the inquiry, counterintelligence investigators sought to evaluate whether Trump was a potential threat to national security. They also sought to determine whether Trump was deliberately working for Russia or had unintentionally been influenced by Moscow.

Trump tweeted early Saturday that the report showed that the FBI leadership "opened up an investigation on me, for no reason & with no proof" after he had fired Comey.



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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., center, talks to reporters at the Capitol in Washington on Friday after signing a House-passed bill requiring that all government workers receive retroactive pay after the partial shutdown ends.

Trump: 'no idea' if deal can be made

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the partial government shutdown slipped into the record books, members of Congress had left town, no negotiations were scheduled and President Donald Trump tweeted into the void.

The president did not tip his hand Saturday on whether he will move ahead with an emergency declaration that could break the impasse, free up money for his wall without congressional approval and kick off legal challenges and a political storm over the use of that extra-ordinary step. A day earlier, he said he was not ready to do it "right now."

Lawmakers were due back in Washington from their states and congressional districts in the new week.

Trump fired off a series of tweets pushing back against the notion that he doesn't have a strategy to end what became the longest government shutdown in U.S. history when it entered its 22nd day Saturday. "Elec-

tions have consequences!" he declared, meaning the 2016 election in which "I promised safety and security" and, as part of a border wall.

But there was another election, in November, and the consequence of that is that Democrats now control the House and they refuse to give Trump money for a wall.

Trump threatened anew that the shutdown could continue indefinitely. Later Saturday, he supplemented a day's worth of tweets by telephoning in to Fox News Channel's "Justice with Judge Jeanine" Pirro from the White House to continue his public relations blitz for the wall. Pirro pressed Trump on why he had yet to declare a national emergency. He said he's giving Congress a chance to "act responsibly."

Trump also said he has "no idea" whether he can get a deal with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who opposes spending money on an "ineffective, wasteful wall."

An emergency declaration by

Trump could break the stalemate by letting him use existing, unspent money to build the U.S.-Mexico border wall without needing congressional approval. Democrats oppose that step but may be unable to stop it. Many Republicans are wary too.

Nevertheless, the administration has accelerated planning for it. Officials explored diverting money from a range of accounts

Other possibilities included tapping asset forfeiture funds, such as money seized from drug kingpins, according to a congressional Republican not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Pelosi argued that Trump is merely trying to steer attention away from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation and other White House problems. "This is a big diversion, and he's a master of diversion," she told reporters.

Trump has told advisers he believes the fight for the wall, even if he never gets money for it, is a political win for him.

Former Obama housing chief Julian Castro joins 2020 campaign

BY PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Assailing President Donald Trump for "a crisis of leadership," former Obama Cabinet member Julian Castro joined the 2020 presidential race Saturday as the rush of Democrats making early moves to challenge the incumbent accelerates.

Castro, who could end up being the only Latino in what is shaping up to be a crowded Democratic field, made immigration a centerpiece of his announcement in his hometown of San Antonio, less than 200 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border.

Two days after the president visited the border to promote his promised wall, Castro mocked Trump for claiming that the U.S.

faces an "invasion" from its ally to the south. "He called it a national security crisis," Castro said. "Well, there is a crisis today. It's a crisis of leadership. Donald Trump has failed to uphold the values of our great nation."

Castro, 44, the grandson of a Mexican immigrant, said he was running for president "because it's time for new leadership, because it's time for new energy and it's time for a new commitment to make sure that the opportunities that I've had are available to every American."

Castro was San Antonio's mayor for five years and U.S. housing secretary in President Barack Obama's second term. He became the second Democrat to formally enter the race, after former Maryland Rep. John Delaney.

Castro is getting an early start in trying to stand out. His first trip as a candidate comes Monday, to hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico where an outcry has begun as the White House considers diverting disaster funding to pay for the wall.

The impasse over paying for a border wall that Trump made a central part of his 2016 campaign has led to the partial federal closure. That stalemate, along with Trump's hard-line immigration stands, drew sharp rebukes from Castro.

"There are serious issues that need to be addressed in our broken immigration system, but seeking asylum is a legal right. And the cruel policies of this administration are doing real and lasting harm," he said.



ERIC GAY/AP

Former San Antonio Mayor and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro waves as he arrives with his family to an event Saturday in San Antonio where he announced his decision to seek the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination.

SCIENCE

Space flight ready to leap forward in 2019

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

The Washington Post

Elon Musk is prone to tweeting out artistic renderings of the rockets and spacecraft he intends to build, offering his followers a glimpse of the future he imagines for humanity on other planets. So when he recently posted a photo of a launchpad walkway leading out to his rocket and spacecraft, Musk felt compelled to clarify in a follow-up tweet.

"Sorry, to be clear, this pic is real," he wrote. "Nothing rendered."

Though the prospect of the return of human spaceflight from United States soil has at times seemed like a mirage, NASA's astronauts could this year return to space from the Florida Space Coast for the first time since the space shuttle was retired more than seven years ago. If successful, it would punctuate a year that government and industry officials believe could mark a turning point in the United States space program, which could see all sorts of new milestones as NASA celebrates the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing.

Boeing is also working to develop a spacecraft it hopes will ferry NASA's astronauts to the International Space Station by the end of 2019, meaning there would be not one but two American spacecraft capable of flying astronauts to orbit. After successfully scratching what many consider the edge of space last month, Virgin Galactic is planning to make space tourism a reality in 2019. Blue Origin also hopes to fly its first test mission to space this year. And small rocket companies hope to start launching to orbit on a more regular basis.

NASA is pushing for a return to the moon, and the White House has made space a national priority again, reconstituting the National Space Council, led by Vice President Mike Pence.

"We've been working to get back to the Moon and go on to Mars for years, creating a diversified suborbital and low-Earth orbit economy, and searching for the political, technical, and monetary will to make it a reality" said Jared stout, the former deputy executive secretary of the Space Council who is now a policy adviser at Venable, a law firm. "In 2019, we are at the precipice of realizing the dreams of decades of planning and energy poured into the space enterprise."

When it comes to space, there are always setbacks and delays. Getting off the surface of the Earth is difficult and dangerous. It requires enormous amounts of energy, and nothing ever seems to go according to schedule.

Virgin Galactic had a fatal accident in 2014. And Musk recently tweeted that the uncrewed first flight of the spacecraft designed to carry humans "will be extremely intense."

"Early flights are especially dangerous, as there's a lot of new hardware."

Those caveats aside, here's a look at some of what's to come in 2019.

Commercial crew. In 2014, when NASA awarded Boeing and SpaceX contracts to fly its astronauts to the space station, then-NASA administrator Charles Bolden said it would set "the stage for what promises to be the most ambitious and exciting chapter in the history of NASA and human space flight."

He vowed the first flights would take place by 2017, ending NASA's reliance on Russia to fly its astronauts to space.

The program has suffered setbacks, including a lack of congressional funding. Now both Boeing and SpaceX are scheduled to fly test flights with humans this year, though many think there will be con-



AUSTIN BARNARD/Bloomberg

The SpaceX Starship Hopper test vehicle sits under construction near Boca Chica, Texas, on Jan. 5.

"In 2019, we are at the precipice of realizing the dreams of decades of planning and energy poured into the space enterprise."

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tinued delays to the program, potentially pushing at least one of the human flights to next year.

SpaceX was expected to fly a test mission without humans on board this month, but NASA recently announced that would be delayed to February.

In the meantime, NASA is conducting a safety review of the companies, spurred by Musk smoking marijuana on a podcast.

SpaceX. After coming off a momentous 2018, in which it flew a record 21 times, the company hopes to continue its cadence this year. SpaceX has a full manifest of commercial satellites to launch in addition to the national security payloads it lifts from the Pentagon and the cargo it carries to the space station for NASA.

It is planning two more flights of the Falcon Heavy rocket, the most powerful in operation today. Last year, it flew for the first time, delivering a Tesla Roadster on a trip toward Mars. After mastering the art of recovering the first stages of rockets, which had traditionally been tossed into the ocean, SpaceX is working on catching another part of its rockets: the nose cone or fairing. In 2017, Musk said they cost about \$6 million each.

"At one point we're like debating, 'Should we try to recover it or not?'" he said at a news conference. "It's like, guys, imagine you had \$6 million in cash in a palette flying through the air, and it's going to smash into the ocean. Would you try to recover that? Yes. Yes, you would."

The company uses a boat with a giant net

affixed to it, forming a giant catcher's mitt. During a recent test it got pretty close.

Space hit a long elusive goal when two pilots flew its spaceplane to more than 50 miles high just barely passing what many consider the edge of space. The pilots, C.J. Sturckow, a former NASA astronaut who flew on the space shuttle four times, and Mark "Forger" Stucky, a former Air Force test pilot who flew the SR-71 Blackbird, are expected to receive astronaut wings at a ceremony in Washington from the Federal Aviation Administration soon.

Richard Branson, Virgin's founder, has said he hopes to fly sometime in 2019 and then send ticket holders sometime thereafter from Spaceport America, the futuristic facility it plans in New Mexico.

If all goes according to plan, as many as six passengers would reach the edge of space, be able to unbuckle and float around the cabin for a few minutes while taking in views of the Earth from above.

Blue Origin, the space company founded by Jeff Bezos, also plans a key milestone this year: its first flights past the edge of space with test pilots. (Bezos also owns The Washington Post.) It has said it would like to fly paying customers this year, as well.

Space Launch System/Orion. While the huge rocket that NASA is building is not scheduled to fly in 2019, the Orion spacecraft is expected to reach a key milestone: the test of its emergency abort system. After years of delays and cost overruns,

NASA is hoping that the Space Launch System and Orion spacecraft could finally fly together by 2020.

But many think the first flight will slip again, and a recent government watchdog recently painted a poor picture of the rocket's development. In a scathing report, NASA's Inspector General found that the cost of the program could balloon to as much as \$9 billion.

Despite the criticism, NASA Administrator has stood by the program, saying it is key for the agency to reach the moon.

Small launchers and satellites. The year 2019 could, however, go down as the year of the small-launch vehicle.

They are designed to meet the needs of a revolution in satellite technology that has shrunk down their size to that of a shoe box in some cases. Small satellites don't need huge, expensive rockets, hence the boom of companies racing to build small launchers.

Rocky Lab, a company based in New Zealand and California, is leading the way. It launched three times last year, and CEO Peter Beck said in an email that "2019 will be even bigger." The company is planning to launch on a monthly basis and eventually start operations from the Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Virgin Orbit, another of Branson's companies, plans its first flight to orbit this year. And Vector is also planning its first launch to orbit this year. If that's successful, it hopes to fly a handful more times. The small satellite industry is at a point where the personal computer was "in 1987, where it's about to explode," said Jim Cantrell, the company's co-founder and CEO.

The company, which is backed by Virgin, Airbus, Qualcomm and others, plans to launch a constellation of satellites into low Earth orbit that would beam the Internet down to remote parts of the world. It plans to launch its first satellites next month on a rocket made by Arianespace, the French rocket manufacturer.

NATION



Canine collection

American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog set to be unleashed in New York

By JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK

It's a museum that invites visitors to come! Sit! And stay.

The American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog opens Feb. 8 in midtown Manhattan, returning to New York after three decades on the outskirts of St. Louis.

The collection boasts portraits of royal and presidential pets, artifacts that trace canine history as far back as an estimated 30 million-year-old fossil, and devices that "match" visitors' faces with dog breeds and let people try their hand at basic dog training with a virtual puppy.

While there won't be actual dogs except for special occasions, the museum hopes to give visitors "an understanding of the history of dogs, how they came to be in such different variety," said Executive Director Alan Fausel, a longtime art curator and appraiser seen on PBS' "Antiques Roadshow."

About 150 pieces from the kennel club's

extensive, mostly donated collection are on view at the museum, which also has a library area for perusing some of the club's 15,000 books.

Fans will find images and information on canines from bulldogs to borzois to Bedlington terriers. There are some just-don't-knows, but the collection is focused on purebreds.

The kennel club, which runs the nation's oldest purebred dog registry, has taken heat over the years from animal welfare activists who view dog breeding as a beauty contest that fuels puppy mills. The club argues there's value in breeding to hone various traits, from companionship to bomb-sniffing acumen, and hopes the museum helps make the case.

"I think the best thing to take away is the fact that dogs were meant to have different jobs," Fausel said. "It's learning why they were purposely bred for certain jobs, and their activities and their attributes."

The exhibition ranges from the scientific — such as a skeleton of a 19th-century smooth fox terrier that was important to shaping the breed — to the whimsical,

including one of photographer William Wegman's images of Weimaraners in humanlike situations (in this case, canoeing). There's also a tiny, elaborate, Edwardian-style dog house for a Chihuahua, and a wall of movie posters celebrating canine stars from "Lassie" to "Beethoven."

Other pieces speak to dogs' status in real life. A painting of a fox terrier mournfully resting its head on an empty armchair depicts Caesar, a pet so cherished by Britain's King Edward VII that the dog marched prominently in the monarch's 1910 funeral procession.

The collection also features paintings of White House dogs: President George W. Bush's Scottish terriers, Barney and Miss Beazley, and one of President George H.W. Bush's English springer spaniels, Millie.

"Dogs have enriched our civilization, and woven themselves into our hearts and families through the ages, and I am delighted to see them acknowledged" in the museum, then-first lady Barbara Bush wrote in a 1990 letter.

The museum opened in the kennel club's former headquarters in New York in 1982.

Seeking more space and hoping to attract more than its roughly 15,000 annual visitors, the museum moved in 1987 to a historic house owned by St. Louis County.

Another planned move, to a new development in a nearby city, didn't materialize. Neither did the hoped-for attendance boost. The museum counted under 10,000 visitors last year, Fausel said.

St. Louis County officials didn't return a call Thursday, but Parks Director Gary Bess told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch last week the museum's former home will be rented out for events and exhibits.

It offered something unmatched in the new locale in a high-end Manhattan office tower: Visitors can no longer bring their own pet pooches.

And admission rates are higher: \$15 for most adults in New York, compared with \$6 in St. Louis County.

But the kennel club hopes the new museum, in a glassy street-level space a block from Grand Central Terminal, will boost attendance to 80,000 to 100,000 people this year.

Clockwise from top left: A British Edwardian-style Dog House for a Chihuahua is displayed at the American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog in New York. The skeleton of Belgrave Joe, the foundation sire of both fox terrier wire and smooth bloodlines. A miniature Austrian Pug Band, circa 1870.

A terracotta dog paw print dating back to the Roman Empire. A wall of movie posters celebrating canine stars.

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NATION

Jet slides off Ohio taxiway as deadly storm roars east

By JOHN BACON
USA Today

ARLINGTON, Va. — A jet slid off a taxiway at Cincinnati's airport, power outages climbed in North Carolina, and the nation's capital was under a snow siege as a deadly winter storm roared east across the nation Sunday.

Three deaths were reported in Missouri, two in Kansas and one in Virginia. More than 35 million people from Ohio to the East Coast remained under winter storm advisories or warnings Sunday, the National Weather Service said.

At Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Delta Flight 1708 arrived Sunday from Las Vegas and, after landing safely, slid off the pavement of a taxiway on its way to the terminal, airport officials said on Twitter. No injuries were reported among the 126 passengers and crew.

In North Carolina, ice was the issue. Some areas were hit with a half-inch of ice, knocking down trees and power lines and making roads hazardous. More than 150,000 homes and businesses were without power across the state Sunday.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam had declared a state of emergency in anticipation of the storm, the governor's office said Saturday.

'I am declaring a state of emergency in order to prepare and coordinate the Commonwealth's response to anticipated winter storm impacts.'

Ralph Northam
Virginia governor

"I am declaring a state of emergency in order to prepare and coordinate the Commonwealth's response to anticipated winter storm impacts, including snow and ice accumulations, transportation issues and power outages," Northam said.

Virginia State Police said this weekend's winter storm contributed to one person being killed when a military surplus vehicle's driver lost control in slick road conditions Saturday night on I-81 in Pulaski County, leading the vehicle to be struck by two tractor-trailers.

In Washington, more than 5 inches of snow had fallen Sunday in and around the city—and more was on the way.

AccuWeather meteorologist Tyler Roys said a high pressure system was keeping the snow from heading north, forcing it to remain in the D.C. area. The total should reach 8 inches before the snow ends early Monday, he said.

Nationwide, more than 530 flights had been canceled and

another 480 delayed as of Sunday morning, according to flight-tracking service FlightAware.

Sunday's troubles followed another 460-plus cancellations Saturday and about 300 on Friday. The storm canceled and delayed flights at airports from Colorado east for three days.

Earlier, the storm dumped up to 20 inches of snow on parts of Missouri.

A woman and her 14-year-old stepdaughter died after their car slid into a semitrailer in Clinton, about 80 miles southeast of Kansas City, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

Another woman died when her car slid in northern Missouri and was hit by an oncoming SUV. In Kansas, a 62-year-old man died after his pickup skidded into a concrete barrier, the patrol said. Another crash involved two semitrailers, killing a 41-year-old driver from Mexico.



TED SCHURTER, THE (SPRINGFIELD, ILL.) STATE JOURNAL-REGISTER/AP

Morgan Miller carries her 1-year-old daughter, Mia Jennings, in one arm as she shovels the stairs to her Springfield, Ill., home with the other Sunday.

Town launches 'Goat Fund Me' campaign to help clear brush

Associated Press

NEVADA CITY, Calif. — The threat of catastrophic wildfires has driven a California town to launch a "Goat Fund Me" campaign to bring herds of goats to city-owned land to help clear brush.

Nevada City in the Sierra Nevada began the online crowdsourcing campaign last month with the goal of raising \$30,000 for the project.

The campaign's website explains that because it takes time to secure grant funding, the town needs money now to hire goat ranchers because they're available only this winter.

The ranchers have rented out their herds to other municipalities in California the rest of the year and were expanding their herds to meet demand, city officials said.

"Why not do something — and as soon as we can?" Vice Mayor Reinette Senum told the Los Angeles Times. "If we're not proactive, if we don't help ourselves, no one else is going to step up."

The foothill community is about 47 miles southeast of Paradise, which was decimated by a wildfire in November that killed 86 people and destroyed about 14,000 homes.



REED SAXON/AP

Nearly 300 goats from a ranch in southern Oregon are led up to consume as much brush as they can in Sycamore Canyon Park in the hills above Claremont, Calif.

City officials said booking a herd costs \$500 on an acre of overgrown brush daily.

City manager Catrina Olson said she, along with residents attending council meetings to talk about the project, are excited about the impending work, an idea "that's catching on

because there's such high fire danger in our state."

"It's an interesting way to run a city campaign," said Brad Fowler, a local rancher working with the city to rent out goats. "I like how people can choose to spend their money."

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WORLD

Pompeo urges end to Qatar dispute

By MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Sunday an ongoing boycott of Qatar by four of America's allies in the Middle East "has dragged on too long," though he gave no sign of any coming breakthrough in the dispute.

Stopping off in the small, energy-rich nation as part of a Middle East tour, America's top diplomat made a repeated point to say that "great things" were happening between Qatar and the United States.

"We're all more powerful when we're working together," Pompeo said at a news conference. "Disputes between countries that have a shared objective are never helpful."

Pompeo said he signed a memorandum of understanding with Qatar regarding the expansion and renovation of al-Udeid Air Base, which hosts the forward headquarters of the U.S. military's Central Command and some 10,000 American troops.



ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS/AP

Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan greets U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at Al-Shati Palace in Abu Dhabi on Saturday. Pompeo traveled to Qatar on Sunday, continuing his Middle East tour.

However, comments by Pompeo and Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani gave no sense of any movement in the ongoing diplomatic crisis with Doha.

Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates began a boycott of Qatar in June

2017, alleging Qatar funds extremist groups and has too-cozy ties to Iran. Qatar has long denied funding extremists, but Doha shares a massive offshore natural gas field with Tehran that gives its citizens the highest per-capita income in the world. It restored diplomatic relations with Iran

after the crisis erupted, marking a setback for Saudi Arabia, which views the Shiite power Iran as its main regional rival.

Earlier this month, Gen. Anthony Zinni, a former commander of U.S. Central Command who retired from the Marine Corps in 2000, resigned as special American envoy to resolve the dispute. Regional analysts suggested it may be in part due to the intransigence of those involved in the crisis.

"The departure of Mr. Zinni in no way reflects any change in America's Middle East efforts, our strategy or our ongoing commitment to the region," Pompeo said. "It was a time for change. He made this decision to move on, but America's commitment remains unchanged."

From Qatar, Pompeo travels to Saudi Arabia on his Mideast tour. The relationship between Riyadh and Washington remains tense following the October assassination of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

Death toll reaches 4 in bakery blast in Paris

PARIS — The Paris prosecutor's office says rescuers have found a body under the rubble of a bakery in Paris that was blown apart by a powerful explosion, bringing the overall death toll to four.

The blast Saturday morning in the Rue de Trevise in the 9th arrondissement of north-central Paris also injured dozens of people. Authorities say 10 of them are still in critical condition.

Paris fire department spokesman Eric Moulin told reporters about 30 firefighters were at the site Sunday to search for other potential victims amid a mountain of debris and wrecked cars.

Paris authorities said 12 neighboring buildings that were damaged by the blast apparently due to a gas leak have been evacuated. Temporary accommodations were provided for about 40 residents, while dozens of others have been housed by family and friends.

16 injured in protests after 2 rebels killed

SRINAGAR, India — Massive anti-India protests and clashes erupted in disputed Kashmir on Sunday, leading to injuries to at least 16 people after a gunbattle between militants and government forces overnight killed two rebels, police and residents said.

The clashes erupted after government forces in the southern Shopian area tried to stop mourners from attending the funeral of one of India's most wanted rebels in the Himalayan region, police said.

Rebel commander Zeenat Islam was killed along with his associate late Saturday in a gunbattle with Indian troops.

Government forces fired bullets, shotgun pellets and tear gas to stop the mourners, leading to street clashes as groups of youths pelted stones at the troops, police and residents said.

Later, authorities withdrew security deployments amid massive anti-India protests and clashes at several places in the area.

India and Pakistan each claim the divided territory of Kashmir in its entirety. Rebels have been fighting Indian control since 1989.

At least 19 dead in coal mine collapse in China

BEIJING — At least 19 miners were killed when a coal mine collapsed in northern China, the government said Sunday.

Rescuers were looking for two miners who still are missing following the disaster Saturday in the northern city of Shemou in Shaanxi province, the city government said in a statement.

Another 66 miners were rescued, the statement said.

The number of fatalities reported in cave-ins, explosions and other disasters in Chinese coal mines has fallen sharply over the past decade but the industry still is the world's deadliest.

From The Associated Press



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Men clear snow from a roof in Lofer, in the Austrian province of Salzburg, on Friday.

Intense snowstorm leaves 3 dead in German avalanche

Associated Press

BERLIN — Three German skiers were killed in an avalanche in Austria and a fourth is missing, police said Sunday as snowfall set in again in the northern Alps.

The bodies of the men, aged 57, 36 and 32, were recovered Saturday evening near the ski resort of Lech, a few hours after the wife of one of the skiers reported them missing. Police in Vorarlberg, Austria's westernmost province, said they had to call off the search for another missing German skier in the group, age 28, because of heavy snow and the risk of avalanches.

The avalanche brings to at least 24 the number of weather-related deaths reported in parts of Europe this month.

On Saturday, authorities in southern Germany and Austria took a break in the weather to clear heavy loads of snow from roofs and roads.

But snow set in again on Saturday night.

In the Bavarian town of Kempten, local authorities closed 11 sports halls as a precaution through Tuesday because the weight of snow on their roofs was expected to increase, the German news agency dpa reported.

Trains on part of the route between the German cities of Munich and Lindau, on Lake Constance near the Austrian border, were traveling more slowly than usual because of a risk that trees weighed down by snow could fall onto the tracks.

Freeland said Alqunun, a refugee from Saudi Arabia, was not granted asylum because her family had been caught trying to seek asylum abroad in recent years and returned home.

On Friday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that Canada would accept Alqunun as a refugee. Her situation has highlighted the cause of women's rights in Saudi Arabia, where several women fleeing abuse by their families have been caught trying to seek asylum abroad in recent years and returned home.

Freeland said Alqunun is not granted to take questions Saturday.

"She is obviously very tired after a long journey and she preferred to go and get settled," Freeland said. "But it was Rahaf's choice to come out and say hello to Canadians. She wanted Canadians to see that she's here,

that she's well and that she's very happy to be in her new home."

After arriving she was off to get winter clothes, said Mario Calla, executive director of COSTI Immigrant Services, which is helping her settle in temporary housing and applying for a health card.

Alqunun flew to Toronto via Seoul, South Korea, according to Thai immigration Police Chief Surachate Hakparn.

Alqunun tweeted two pictures from her plane seat — one with what appears to be a glass of wine and her passport and another holding her passport while on the plane with the hashtag "I did it" and the emoji showing a plane, hearts and a wine glass.

Canada's decision to grant her asylum could further upset the country's relations with Saudi Arabia.

In a statement late Saturday, Muftah al-Qahtani, director of the National Society for Human Rights, a Saudi government-sanctioned body, slammed alleged political motives of some countries and said attempts to encourage these women to disobey their families leaves some vulnerable to abuse and trafficking and harms families. Al-Qahtani insisted women facing abuse in the kingdom can turn to Saudi authorities and local organizations for assistance.

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stripes.com**OPINION****Saudis, your ally is the US, not Trump**

By HUSSEIN IBISH

Bloomberg

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Democrats taking control of the U.S. House of Representatives seem set to use several controversies involving Saudi Arabia to attack Trump's foreign policy.

The murder by Saudi agents of the Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi in October, the devastation inflicted by war in Yemen, and a government crackdown on Saudi activists, including women's rights advocates, are all likely to be topics for Trump's Democratic critics in coming months.

Some Republicans have expressed objections, too. Trump allies like Sens. Lindsey Graham, of South Carolina, and Marco Rubio, of Florida, have used criticism of Saudi Arabia to try to push the president to adopt a traditionally internationalist foreign policy.

As a result, a sturdy alliance between two countries based on mutual global interests is turning into a bond between partisans fighting for political advantage. The danger is that changing political circumstances in either country could weaken an alliance that both countries need.

Trump's first trip overseas, in 2017, began with several days in Riyadh, in which the Saudi government successfully appealed to his vanity and love of pomp.

Since then, Trump has often boasted about billions of dollars in new Saudi weapons contracts, while Saudi leaders celebrate Trump's withdrawal from the nuclear deal with their arch-enemy, Iran,

and tough new sanctions against Tehran.

Both sides have contrasted their warm relationship with the chill that characterized former President Barack Obama's second term.

To understand what's at stake, it's helpful to recall the alarm that some Israelis have expressed about Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's similar bear hug with Trump.

Netanyahu's strong affiliation with U.S. Republicans and his hostility to Obama challenges the traditional credo that the U.S.-Israel relationship should never be cast as partisan.

That's why the main U.S. pro-Israel lobby, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, has recently cultivated Democrats in an effort to offset Republican efforts to cast their party as Israel's only true friend, and to push back against criticism of Israel on the left wing of the Democratic Party.

But Israel is protected by powerful U.S. political constituencies on both the left and the right that value the partnership.

Saudi Arabia doesn't enjoy that advantage. Oil companies and defense contractors may push for exchanges like weapons sales, but no one could confuse those initiatives with an abiding commitment to Riyadh's well-being.

And with House Democrats and internationalist Republicans preparing to pile on in the coming months, 2019 is likely to be a rough year for Saudi Arabia in Washington.

Wisdom would counsel reaching out to Democrats, as some of Israel's biggest American supporters are.

While there have been some Saudi efforts to do that, others are falling right into the trap of seeing conservative Republicans as allies and liberal Democrats as threats.

Some prominent Saudi media organiza-

tions even took the bizarre step recently of attacking two young Muslim women, both liberal Democrats, who were just elected to U.S. House of Representatives.

Saudi articles, talk shows and tweets condemned the new congresswomen, Rashida Tlaib, of Michigan, and Ilhan Omar, of Minnesota, as sympathizers of the Muslim Brotherhood, which is part of the religious right of the Islamic world and opposes the Saudi royal family.

The logic appears to be that those who are not with Trump are in the thrall of Saudi Arabia's two main regional antagonists, Iran and Qatar, and should be seen as threats.

If this line of attack spreads, it could well become a self-fulfilling Saudi prophecy.

The Obama administration did not abandon the alliance with Saudi Arabia in favor of a partnership with Iran, as is sometimes alleged. But Trump seems driven to do the opposite of whatever he thinks his predecessor championed.

If he's able to persuade Americans to think of the alliance with Saudi Arabia as a link to his own administration rather than as the continuation of six decades of consistent U.S. foreign policy, Democrats may take the same attitude in the future when it comes to Riyadh.

A nightmare for Saudi Arabia would be for Democrats to start mistakenly believing that their own foreign policy agenda, supposedly inspired by Obama, would mean rejecting the partnership with Riyadh and opening up a new cooperative dialogue with Tehran.

That would be a disaster for the U.S., too. Yet serious people on both sides are inadvertently promoting it, and what was once an absurd scenario is becoming disturbingly plausible.

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The Pompeo Doctrine isn't a radical departure

By ELI LAKE

Bloomberg Opinion

Ten years ago, President Barack Obama traveled to Cairo to open a new dialogue with the world's Muslims. On Thursday, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo traveled to Cairo to offer a rebuttal.

Some of his points are correct. It's true that Obama in his first term was too sanguine about political Islam. In 2009 — two years before the revolution that toppled Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak — Obama invited members of the Muslim Brotherhood to attend his speech. Obama wrongly assessed the prospects for greater cooperation with Iran during his presidency, and was too hasty to withdraw forces from Iraq in 2011.

The secretary's analysis, however, is incomplete. Obama eventually realized, after Islamic State rampaged through Iraq and Syria, that U.S. was needed in the Middle East.

He sent troops back to Iraq and Syria in 2014 to do the job that Iraq's army could not. And while Obama cut Mubarak loose in 2011 as tens of thousands of Egyptians flooded into Cairo's Tahrir Square, he did not do so until Egypt's strongman threatened to slaughter those civilians (an order his military ultimately declined). When Egypt's current strong man, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, took power in a coup in 2013, Obama declined to cut off military aid. After the Iran deal, Obama sold Iran's regional adversaries advanced weapons and provided mid-air refueling and targeting assistance to the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

If this approach sounds familiar, it should. It's basically what President Donald Trump has been doing in the Middle East since taking office. With the exception of the Iran nuclear deal — admittedly a big exception — Trump's approach of working with allies against common enemies while reducing America's military presence is a continuation, not a repudiation, of Obama's second-term foreign policy.

This means that America will have to rely more on its allies. As Pompeo put it: "We ask every peace-loving nation of the Middle East to shoulder new responsibilities for defeating Islamism's extremism wherever we find it."

There is a downside to this approach. The autocrats in the Middle East also know how much the U.S. needs them. It makes it much harder for the U.S. to help these countries make the transition to democracy.

Instead of addressing this problem, Pompeo spoke around it. "As we seek an even stronger partnership with Egypt, we encourage President el-Sissi to unleash the creative energy of Egypt's people, unfetter the economy, and promote a free and open exchange of ideas," he said. "The progress made to date can continue."

It's ludicrous to say that el-Sissi has made any progress in "unfettering" his country's economy or promoting "a free and open exchange of ideas." Quite the opposite. "El-Sissi has built a military dictatorship in which civilian institutions have been subordinated to the military and intelligence agencies in which freedom of speech and expression has been completely stifled," Amy Hawthorne, the deputy director for

research at the Project on Middle East Democracy, told me.

El-Sissi has jailed thousands of activists, journalists and political rivals. No one is safe. A year ago, a former chief of staff of the Egyptian military, Sami Anan, was arrested after his party nominated him to run against el-Sissi in last year's alleged election.

And this relates back to the theme of Pompeo's speech, what he called a "truth that isn't often spoken" in the Middle East: "America is a force for good." One reason this is true is that, in its best moments, America uses its leverage to move its allies closer to its democratic ideals. Think of Ronald Reagan's decision to push Filipino strong man Ferdinand Marcos aside after he tried to fix an election, or George W. Bush's pressure on Mubarak to allow competitive parliamentary elections.

Yes, Obama too often failed to honor this tradition in American foreign policy. But Trump shows no appreciation for it whatsoever. He sucks up to authoritarianism.

The president's defenders might argue that, with Iran on the march, democratic ideals are a luxury U.S. statecraft cannot afford in the Middle East. But dictatorships are never as stable as they appear from the outside. El-Sissi will not be in power forever. The day he falls, Egyptians will recall whether America encouraged their leader to remain, or looked the other way.

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OPINION

Making room for 2nd chances in the #MeToo era

By TYLER COWEN
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The longer that the #MeToo movement continues, the more important these questions will become: When should offenders be rehabilitated, allowed to resume their careers, and readmitted to polite society? Whether we like it or not, as the list of wrongdoers grows, questions of forgiveness will begin to outnumber questions of punishment. The thing is, questions of forgiveness are never entirely easy.

Much Christian doctrine emphasizes the value of confession, forgiveness and redemption. Thus it is not hard to convince many Americans that sinners should be given a second chance. This impulse occasionally finds its way into policy; just last month, a prison reform bill became law, reflecting notions that criminals can indeed be rehabilitated. In her book "The Up Side of Down," Washington Post columnist Megan McArdle stresses how many features of American life, including bankruptcy law and startup culture, depend on second, third or even more chances.

And indeed, second chances are being doled out. Very recently, Louis C.K. has

started doing standup comedy again. Conductor Charles Dutoit is back on the podium. The more delicate truth is that, in the context of the #MeToo movement, forgiveness carries great dangers. I am not referring to those asking for it; rather, I am talking about those in a position to offer it. The survivors of such abuse often feel shame, guilt and a loss of confidence and self-esteem. An emphasis on forgiveness could reinforce victims' tendencies to bury the crimes and wrongdoings.

Even now, #MeToo victims are unlikely to do or say anything in response to their troubles. They are already looking for reasons to move on. They may forgive prematurely, before taking appropriate action, either at the personal or public level. Forgiveness cannot be complete if it does not come from those who have been wronged. Yet forgiveness is not entirely up to them, either. The result is a set of conflicting and probably irreconcilable values. America believes in equal treatment before the law. But America's increasingly powerful system of social pressures and sanctions does not provide for equal treatment.

Some of the accused have received second chances, but not all. Former Sen. Al Franken probably will not be welcomed

back to Congress, and Washington-based restaurateur Mike Isabella says his empire crash and does not seem on the verge of rehabilitation. It is unsettling how much judgments of harassment, and of when redemption or at least tolerance will be offered, depend on context.

There is relatively little outrage at John Lennon, for example, even though he was a confessed woman-beater and wrote the Beatles song "Run for Your Life," which coldly presents violence against women and perhaps glorifies it. The song is still played regularly on satellite radio. Yet "Baby It's Cold Outside" became a national controversy. Maybe it is easier to attack a song from the 1940s. Or maybe it's that Lennon and the Beatles have long had "street cred" with the American left.

Spotify stopped promoting R. Kelly's music, but plenty of misogynistic and violent songs remain in rap and other genres.

Morgan Freeman is returning to his television work with National Geographic (though not his Visa commercials), even after CNN reported #MeToo accusations from eight women. (Freeman denies the allegations.) Is it irrelevant that he has a kindly face and voice and has played God in the movies? Should it matter that he is

more than 80 years old?

Louis C.K.'s return to comedy has occasioned controversy, in part because his new routine made fun of people with intellectual disabilities and more generally did not show exquisite sensitivity. But the crude and rude have long been a staple of comedy shows, including his (dare we forget, he used a racial slur on HBO in 2011). Should edginess or outright offensiveness matter more for the previously guilty?

In standard law and economics theory, the argument goes like this: When offenders are hard to catch, it is both efficient and in the public interest to make punishments especially harsh, so as to deter appropriately.

In the current environment, private social pressures are producing some effective and overdue punishments. Yet there is still a place for forgiveness, a need to be humane and, sometimes, a case for rehabilitation.

Realistically, of course, these second chances will be applied selectively. This muddled mix may very well be the best that we can do.

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More than 17,000 medical jobs eyed for elimination

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The Army, Navy and Air Force are finalizing plans to eliminate over the next few years more than 17,000 uniformed medical billets — physicians, dentists, nurses, technicians, medics and support personnel.

The reduction will allow those billets to be repurposed as warfighters or combat-support skills to increase the lethality and size of operational units. Another goal is to decrease the workload of remaining medical billets at base hospitals and clinics to strengthen their wartime medical skills and also to improve the ability for career-beneficiaries, defense officials explained.

One senior service official shared the latest figures he has seen showing the uniformed Army's medical staff falling by almost 7,300, the Navy by almost 5,300 and the Air Force by just over 5,300.

Spread across a combined medical force of 130,000, both active-duty and reserve, the planned cuts would lower uniformed medical strength by roughly 13 percent, a drop steep enough to alarm some health care leaders as well as advocates for military health care beneficiaries.

"If the goal is to tear down the military health system, this would be a reasonable way to do it," warned one service health official who asked not to be identified.

Given the numbers involved, said retired Navy Capt. Kathryn M. Beasley, director of government relations for health issues at Military Officers Association of America, the staff cuts eyed are worrisome for patient access, particularly to physicians that young families rely on such as pediatricians and obstetricians.

"We need to see the final numbers to understand the impact," she said.

But senior defense officials, who say they collaborated with the services on overall staff reduction plans, contend the current force is larger than needed to meet today's operational missions and is overloaded with skillsets not useful for deployment and delivering of battlefield care. Also, they contend, the oversized staffs harm quality of care because at too many base hospitals and clinics those care providers don't treat enough patients to keep skills sharp.

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"So, part of this drill is to realign our people to the appropriate level of workload so that their skills, both for battlefield care and for beneficiary care, improve," said one Defense Department official.

Top defense officials agreed to discuss reasons behind the planned staff cuts for the military health care system, but declined to confirm any numbers for medical slots targeted, which some service officials did share, because no figure will be firm until the fiscal 2020 defense budget request is approved by the White House and sent to Congress in February. If Congress approves the cuts, to be presented by billet, the reductions would begin to take effect in fiscal 2021.

Preliminary Navy documents show uniformed staff at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., falling by 534 personnel, with, for example, 82 taken from director of clinical support including 28 of 39 corpsmen, 5 of 12 radiological diagnosticians, 4 of 7 pharmacists, 8 of 19 pharmacy techs and 9 of 45 medical lab technicians.

Defense officials described a yearlong collaboration between service medical departments, the Joint Chiefs, the Defense Health Agency and CAPE, the Cost Analysis and Program Evaluation Office of the Secretary of Defense. The force cuts are just one part of an enormous transformation occurring across military medicine.

Control of all medical facilities is being transferred to the Defense Health Agency, where functions of the three separate service medical departments already are being consolidated to streamline health care operations, slash support costs and standardize practices and procedures, from scheduling appointments to reporting on provider errors. Meanwhile the military health system is adopting MHS Genesis, a new electronic health record system.

Just as Congress directed these changes, it told the secretary of defense in its fiscal 2017 National Defense Department Authorization Act to collaborate with service branches on defining medical and dental

personnel requirements to ensure operational readiness, and to convert military medical positions to civilian positions if deemed unnecessary to meet operational readiness needs. The medical force reduction effort, however, isn't being funded for a mass conversion of military billets to civilian medical positions.

Instead the emphasis is on providing more effective and efficient care on battlefields and through military treatment facilities to troops, families and retirees, using smaller staffs that are sized to gain more experience and be better trained for military operations.

To understand what's about to happen, said a senior official familiar with the staff cut plans, it is helpful to grasp a notion that sounds counterintuitive: "Reducing the number of people providing a particular service within a facility does not mean a degradation of care within that facility."

"It's true," in the medical area, he added, "is that the more times a provider performs a procedure, the better that provider is at performing that procedure."

If a military hospital now staffed with five orthopedic surgeons performs 10 knee

replacements a month, that's only two operations per surgeon.

If staff is cut to one surgeon able to still comfortably perform 10 procedures a month, both quality of patient care and the readiness of that surgeon for war will improve.

That argument for a careful reduction of staff isn't persuasive for some career medical personnel. One said he is worried that staff cuts this deep could leave hospital staffs short of personnel to deploy or to receive patients if old wars escalate or new ones break out in the Korean Peninsula, Eastern Europe or the South China Sea. He also worries about finding civilian replacements when needed, noting chronic staff shortages within the Department of Veterans Affairs medical system that can't even be filled in peacetime.

"I don't believe it's doable when you take your platforms down to this degree and you're still putting people on [forward] deployment schedules," said this senior service official. "You can argue on the margins whether you need quite as many people here or there. But these hospitals support training as well as provide care and [they] keep people in operational

units," he added. After deep staff cuts, "you're going to have a very hard time keeping docs, especially in uniform."

Ironically, he added, these cut plans arise near the end of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan where U.S. military medicine produced the "best outcomes in combat casualty care in the history of the world."

Senior defense officials answered such concerns with assurances that the DHA and the services are giving careful consideration to readiness needs, including wartime requirements. Military facilities still will have robust civilian staffs, they added, and will be able to backfill with reserve medical personnel and civilian contracts.

Officials conceded the staff cuts, and refocusing on deployable skills, over time will change the mix of providers delivering care on base, forcing more family care off base and onto Tricare provider networks.

"We will expect to see an increase in certain skill sets [and] a decrease in other skill sets. More trauma surgeons, fewer pediatricians, for example. Those kinds of changes are right at the heart of what Congress has directed us to do," said one official.

The same shift in medical skillsets for hospital staffs will begin to reshape graduate medical education pipelines.

"The reason why we do graduate medical education is to be able to supply that ready medical force," said another senior official. "We need to expand our capacity in some areas" but will see them "contract" in others.

Some critics of the staff cuts suggest a desire for budget savings is a key factor. Navy documents identify "expected total savings of \$11.4 billion" from that service's uniformed medical "end-strength divestiture" plan.

Senior defense officials deny that's the case, citing an "unwavering commitment" to improving medical readiness and quality of care.

"How do we get higher levels of medical readiness for the next major conflict?" one said. "That central question is going to drive a lot of changes throughout the military health care system."

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WIRED WORLD

Gadgets aim to land with helicopter parents

BY MATT O'BRIEN
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Every year, the CES gadget show brings more devices promising to make life a little bit easier for harried parents.

Sure, the kids might love them, too. Who wouldn't want a computerized Harry Potter wand that also teaches coding?

The Las Vegas show's growing "family tech" sector encompasses products that range from artificially intelligent toys and baby monitors to internet-connected breast pumps.

Their common thread is an appeal to parental anxiety about raising smart kids, occupying their time, tracking their whereabouts and making sure they're healthy and safe.

Some also come with subtle trade-offs.

"Technology makes us forget what we know about life," said psychologist Sherry Turkle, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who studies people's relationships with machines. She's particularly concerned about robots that seek to befriend or babysit young children.

Not-so-imaginary friends. Take the cute, furry Woobo, meant to be a real-life version of a child's imaginary friend that can help set tooth-brushing routines, answer complex questions and play educational games. It's part of a new cottage industry of sociable toys, which includes robots like Cozmo and Sony's dog-like Aibo.

A gentle pull at the ears switches the screen-faced Woobo into listening mode. The \$149 toy talks in a childlike voice and makes a game out of boring chores that might otherwise require a parent's nagging. Its makers say Woobo doesn't glue kids to its screen because it invites them to go find things in the home, help parents cook dinner or play family games like charades.

"Our focus on the content side is not to replace parents," said Shen Guo, who co-founded Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Woobo after graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design. "It's to enhance family time."

But its appeal for a child's emotional attachment and nurturing sets off alarm bells for Turkle, who has been warning against what she calls "artificial intimacy" since the Tamagotchi digital pet craze of the 1990s.

Research has shown the benefits of children playing out their inner feelings and worries by projecting them onto inert dolls. But Turkle says that doesn't work when the



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Woobo Inc. displays its stuffed animal interactive companion robots for kids, which can answer questions and has other educational content, at the CES Unveiled at CES International in Las Vegas.

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Shen Guo
Founder of Woobo

toys seem real enough to have their own feelings.

"Pretend empathy is not a good thing," Turkle said. "Everything we know about children's development is that if you read to a child, what's going on is the relationship, the talking, the connection, the mentoring, the safety, the sense that people love learning. Why do we think this is a good idea to give this to some robot?"

Is your baby breathing? Talk to makers of the next generation of baby monitors unveiled at CES and you'd be surprised that

generations of children survived infancy without artificial intelligence systems analyzing their every breath.

"Babies want to breathe. Babies want to live," said Colt Semon, co-founder of Los Angeles-based startup Miku, which promises to monitor breathing and heart rate without letting parents get overly worked up about it.

Regulators haven't approved any baby monitors for medical use and instead recommend parents focus on providing a safe sleeping environment. Some doctors worry

that such devices create additional stress for parents.

Unlike most past offerings, the latest crop of baby monitors that measure vital signs are "contactless" — meaning they don't work by attaching some electronics to a baby's sock or chest. Raybaby's device resembles a one-eyed robot that detects breathing patterns using radar technology. Most of the other devices rely on computer vision.

Tech in the womb. Of course, parental anxiety begins even before a child is born — hence Owllet's new \$299 pregnancy band that wraps around a woman's abdomen to track fetal heartbeats by taking an electrocardiogram. The idea is to put on the stretchy band before going to sleep starting about three to four months before the due date.

It sends a morning wellness report to a user's smartphone app.

New robots focus on deliveries, friendship

BY MATT O'BRIEN AND JOSEPH PISANI
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Robots that walk, talk, pour beer and play pingpong have taken over the CES gadget show in Las Vegas again. Just don't expect to find one in your home anytime soon.

Most home robot ventures have failed, in part because they're so difficult and expensive to design to a level of intelligence that consumers will find useful, said Bilal Zuberi, a robotics-oriented venture capitalist at Lux Capital. But that doesn't keep companies from trying.

"Roboticians, I guess, will never give up their dreams to build Rosie," said Zuberi, referring to the humanoid maid from "The Jetsons."

But there's some hope for others. Frank Gillett, a tech analyst at Forrester, says robots with more focused missions such

as mowing the lawn or delivering cheeseburgers stand a better shot at finding a useful niche.

There are so many delivery robots at CES that it's easy to imagine that we'll all be stumbling over them on the sidewalk — or in the elevator — before long. Zuberi said it's among the new robot trends with the most promise because the field is drawing on some of the same advances that power self-driving cars.

Does man's best friend need a robotic pal of its own? Some startups think so.

"There's a big problem with separation anxiety, obesity and depression in pets," said Bee-oh Kim, a marketing manager for robotics firm Varram.

The company's \$99 robot is essentially a moving treat dispenser that motivates pets to chase it around. A herd of the small, dumbbell-shaped robots zoomed around a pen at the show — though there were no

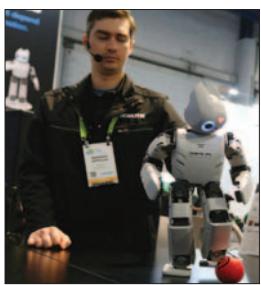
canine or feline conference attendees to show how the machines really work.

Lovot is a simple robot with just one aim — to make its owner happy. It can't carry on long conversations, but it's still social — approaching people so they can interact, moving around a space to create a digital map, responding to being embraced.

Lovot's horn-shaped antenna — featuring a 360-degree camera — recognizes its surroundings and detects the direction of sound and voices.

Lovot is the brainchild of Groove X CEO Kaname Hayashi, who previously worked on SoftBank's Pepper, a humanoid robot that briefly appeared in a few U.S. shopping malls two years ago. Hayashi wanted to create a real connection between people and robots.

"This is just supporting your heart, our motivation," he said.



Ross D. FRANKLIN/AP

The ROBOTIS OP2 is billed as a miniature humanoid research robot, with advanced computational power, sophisticated sensors, high payload capacity and dynamic motion ability.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Worker survives being buried alive

FL GAINESVILLE — A Florida construction worker is recovering after being buried alive.

An unidentified construction worker fell into a 30-foot hole and was completely covered by dirt Thursday.

Gainesville fire rescuers used shovels and hands to dig through the dirt until they found the worker's head. Rescuers said he was breathing but not conscious.

He regained consciousness as they uncovered him, and crews used a harness and ropes to lift him out.

New calf born to endangered orcas

WA SEATTLE — Researchers said there's a new calf among the population of critically endangered killer whales that live in the waters between Washington state and Canada.

Ken Balcomb, founding director of the Center for Whale Research, told The Seattle Times that staff first saw the calf Friday at the eastern end of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. He said the youngster looks healthy, but survival rates for baby orcas are only about 50 percent.

The whales have been starving amid a dearth of salmon. Vessel noise and pollution have complicated their plight. No calf born in the last three years has survived, and one whale drew international attention when she carried her dead calf on her head for 17 days last summer.

Police: Woman crashed and hid drugs in prison

PA LANCASTER — Police said a woman ran into a county prison to hide drugs in a bathroom after she crashed her van into a truck in front of the facility.

Prison Major William Alberts said that around 11 a.m. Friday, there was a crash in front of the Lancaster County Prison and "the next thing we know we have a female running across the parking lot into here saying, 'There was just an accident. I have to go to the bathroom.'

Alberts directed a corrections officer to do a sweep of a bathroom, where they found suspected synthetic marijuana.

City police Lt. Bill Hickey said the woman will be charged with traffic violations including driving without a license and lacking vehicle registration, as well as misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance. One person was injured in the crash.

Man bitten by lion barreled from zoo

CA FRESNO — A robber who climbed into a California zoo and was bitten by a lion has been sentenced to probation and told he can't go anywhere near the zoo.

The Fresno Bee said Julio Menendez was sentenced Friday for second-degree robbery involving an unrelated crime. He was ordered to pay \$300 in restitution.

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This number of coal-mining deaths last year in Kentucky, a record low. The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration said there were 12 fatalities at coal mines nationwide in 2018 and 27 fatalities in all mines — including those at facilities such as rock quarries — the second-lowest total of mining deaths, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader. In 2010, 48 people died nationwide in mining deaths, including 29 who died in a West Virginia mine explosion. In 2016, there was a low of eight mining deaths.



GREG EANS, THE (OWENSBORO, KY.) MESSENGER-INQUIRER/AP

Something shiny

Tom Marlow, with Barnyard Baggers out of Griffith, Ind., polishes a 2016 Harley Road Glide motorcycle he has on display with other bikes at the River City Powersports Show at the Owensboro (Ky.) Convention Center on Saturday.

Mendez was free from jail while facing the robbery charge last September when he went to the Chaffee Zoo in Fresno, climbed over a fence topped with barbed wire and got into an enclosure housing two lionesses.

One lion bit the man's big toe as he tried to climb a second fence. Mendez was treated for his injury and returned to jail on a warrant.

State launches prison guard recruitment

RI PROVIDENCE — The state is looking to hire more prison guards, and women and minorities are being encouraged to apply.

Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo said at the start of the recruitment drive Wednesday that the state wants the diversity of correctional officers to match the diversity of the state prison's inmates.

Jim Vincent, president of the NAACP's Providence branch, said, "It's critical that we have correctional officers who reflect the population of inmates."

Department of Corrections Director Patricia Coyne-Fague

said the recruitment drive lasts through Feb. 3, with a goal of hiring 70 people to participate in the summer training program.

Museum plans to move fighter jet to new home

NM ALAMOGORDO — The German Air Force has donated one of its Tornado fighter planes to the New Mexico Museum of Space History, and major preparations are underway to move the plane to its new home.

The twin-engine combat aircraft is slated for permanent display on the museum grounds in Alamogordo. For the last several years, it has been in front of the German Air Force headquarters at Holloman Air Force Base.

Saturday, the journey began as the aircraft was taken from Holloman to the Otero County Fairgrounds. After a public event, it will be moved to the museum.

Court orders mandatory retirement for judge

AK ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Supreme Court has placed a Superior Court judge

on mandatory retirement because of a medical disability.

Justices on Friday backed the recommendation of the Alaska Judicial Conduct Commission regarding Judge Angela Greene, of Utqiagvik.

Greene's attorney, Bill Satterberg, said Greene did not oppose the recommendation and did not stand for retention because she recognized she could no longer do the demanding job. Satterberg said Greene served for less than five years and was required to go through the commission review for the medical retirement.

Greene became ill in 2016 but returned to the bench in July 2017. While walking in December 2017, Greene was struck by a water delivery truck.

Services held for police dog killed in line of duty

FL WEST PALM BEACH — A memorial service was held Thursday at the Coral Sky Amphitheatre in suburban West Palm Beach for a police dog.

Cigo, a 3-year-old German Shepherd, was fatally shot at the Wellington Green Mall, where

deputies had tracked two suspects wanted for attempted first-degree murder. One suspect opened fire, striking the dog.

The service for Cigo included the national anthem, a fly-over, a police motorcade, a 21-gun salute and an "End of Watch Call." Cigo also received a police medal of honor.

Slaughter of bison planned at Yellowstone

MT BILLINGS — Yellowstone National Park officials plan to capture 600 to 900 bison to slaughter this winter for the continuing effort to manage the herd's population.

The Billings Gazette reported Interagency Bison Management Plan partners signed the agreement outlining the winter operations plan for the bison on Jan. 7. Yellowstone counted about 4,500 bison last summer.

About 3,300 live on the Northern Range and migrate into Montana where they can be trapped for shipment to slaughter or hunted once they exit park boundaries.

From wire reports

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MATT DUNHAM/AP

Vanessa Redgrave and daughter Joely Richardson act alongside each other in "The Aspern Papers."

Together again

Vanessa Redgrave, daughter Joely Richardson team up for the fourth time in new film 'The Aspern Papers'

BY GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

She first saw the play as a child, when her famous father adapted it from a Henry James novella and played the male lead. Decades later, Vanessa Redgrave acted the role of Miss Tina on stage.

More time has passed, and now she is playing the forbidding grande dame Julianne Bordereau in a movie version of "The Aspern Papers" that opened Jan. 11 statewide, this time with her daughter Joely Richardson cast as the younger woman.

"I've been through every version of it," says Redgrave. "My father was in it with two wonderful actresses, which I saw a number of times. Then I was in it much later as Miss Tina, and suddenly I get the chance to be this ferocious Bordereau, the old lady."

Redgrave, at 81, still radiates the outspoken intelligence that has characterized her film and stage work, softening only when looking into the eyes of her daughter — "She's so beautiful," Redgrave coos. "It was heaven working with Joels."

It is the fourth time the two have paired, including Redgrave joining her daughter on the popular TV series "Nip/Tuck" in a number of episodes.

At the time, Richardson worried that her mother might not cope well with the demands of weekly television. Her mom thrived, of course, even if she's far better known for her dramatic work onstage.

For Richardson, working with her mother highlights what she calls "that Mom-Vanessa thing." It's what happens when your mother has been famous your entire life — and has set a standard in the profession you chose.

"It's so funny, 'cause obviously mom's mom to me, but when I'm talking about her in a professional capacity, I tend to go into calling her Vanessa," Richardson says. "When your mother's public and private, it's a two-name deal."

Working with her mother has been revelatory, says Richardson.

"Sometimes I see her as Vanessa," says Richardson, 54. "Being on stage with her, it was like, oh my God, this is where it happens. It's in these moments, these magic moments, when she's truly more present than I've ever seen her be, probably, in real life. It's an extraordinary thing."

Redgrave is similarly impressed with her daughter's performance in "The Aspern Papers," which is set in Venice in the late 19th century. Richardson plays Miss Tina, a quietly unhappy middle-aged woman frightened of her elderly aunt whose life is disrupted by the arrival of an American editor seeking the old woman's love letters from a fictional Romantic poet named Jeffrey Aspern.

"Suddenly, Joely becomes Miss Tina," Redgrave says. "Looking into her eyes, I don't see Joely. I see Miss Tina. That's special. That's what she's about in her work, finding that depth of truth."

Elliott, Stevens, Prine in Songwriters 2019 class

Associated Press

Missy Elliott is making history as the first female rapper inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, whose 2019 class also includes legendary British singer Cat Stevens and country-folk icon John Prine.

The organization announced the new group of inductees Jan. 12. Other inductees include Tom T. Hall, whom Johnny Cash called his "all-time favorite songwriter"; Jack Tempchin, who wrote songs for the Eagles and Glenn Frey's solo albums; and Dallas Austin, the songwriter behind radio hits for TLC, Monica, Pink, Boyz II Men, Madonna and more.

Elliott is just the third rapper to enter into the Songwriters Hall, following Jay-Z and Jermaine Dupri's inductions in 2017 and 2018, respectively. While she's written her own raps, Elliott has also lent her writing skills to everyone from Beyoncé to Whitney Houston to the late icon Aaliyah.

The new class of songwriters will officially be inducted on June 13 in New York City. Songwriters are eligible for induction after writing hit songs for at least 20 years.

Stevens, who also goes by Yusuf (the name he took when he converted), has been a respected writer since releasing his debut in 1967. He's had a string of Top 40 hits, from "Peace Train" to "Morning Has Broken." And "The First Cut Is the Deepest," which he wrote five decades ago, has become a hit for multiple artists, including Rod Stewart and Sheryl Crow.

Prine's inclusion is extra-special since he was nominated for this year's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame but didn't make the cut. The 72-year-old has become an affable songwriting guru for many of Nashville's talented young artists, including rocker Dan Auerbach of the Black Keys, country rebel Sturgill Simpson, and the married Americana darlings Jason Isbell and Amanda Shires.

'Hamilton' star returns to role to raise funds

Lin-Manuel Miranda reprised his lead role in the hit musical "Hamilton" on Jan. 11 to start a two-week run in Puerto Rico expected to raise thousands of dollars for artists and cultural groups struggling in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Miranda took the stage for the first time since his last appearance on Broadway in July 2016, when he played U.S. founding father Alexander Hamilton.

"I have never felt anything like that," he said of the crowd's energy.

It's the first time in nine years that Miranda has performed in Puerto Rico. Opening night drew more than 1,000 people, who paid from \$10 to \$5,000.

Other news

■ Keyboard player Anthony Geraci, singer Shemekia Copeland, and guitarist and songwriter Nick Moss lead the nominations for the annual *Blues Music Awards*, scheduled for May 9 in Memphis, Tenn. Geraci leads with six nominations, including song of the year, album of the year and band of the year with his group, Boston Blues All-Stars. Copeland and Moss are nominated in four categories, including album of the year.

■ The long-gestating *Aretha Franklin* biopic "Respect" is going ahead with stage director Liesel Tommy set to direct. MGM announced Jan. 10 that Tommy will helm the film, which is to star Jennifer Hudson. Callie Khouri will write the script. Franklin died in August from pancreatic cancer.

■ *Verna Bloom*, the actress who portrayed the wife of the dean in the movie "Animal House," died Jan. 9. She was 80.

■ *Mungau Dain*, the Pacific island movie star of the 2015 Oscar-nominated film "Tanna," died Jan. 12 of a leg infection. He was in his mid-20s.

Nivola: Role in 'Sopranos' prequel 'meant to be'

BY JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press

The star of the upcoming "The Sopranos" prequel says a young Tony Soprano will be a part of the film — but had good reason to be careful about how much else he revealed about "The Many Saints of Newark."

Alessandro Nivola talked to The Associated Press about the project on the red carpet Jan. 9 before a panel discussion led by creator David Chase to celebrate the 20th anniversary of "The Sopranos" in New York.

"I guess I got to be kind of discreet about it, so David Chase didn't kill me," Nivola said. "I'm playing Dickie Moltisanti, who is the central character in the movie, and he is Christopher Moltisanti's dad."

Christopher Moltisanti, who was played by Michael Imperioli in the series, was a protege of Tony Soprano, the mob boss portrayed by James Gandolfini.

Though the elder Moltisanti never appeared in the series, he is often mentioned as part of Christopher's backstory. The father was gunned down when Christopher was young, and Nivola said the film will explore the interlocking history of Dickie Moltisanti and Christopher.

"Tony will be a character in the film, and as was mentioned throughout 'The Sopranos' series, my character was an important person in his life, and it examines that relationship as well," Nivola said.

The film begins in 1967 with the backdrop of the race riots that tore through Newark, N.J. Nivola said racial tension is "a big part of the story."

Nivola cited "weird coincidences" that told him this role was meant for him, including the fact that his real-life neighbor is Tim Van Patten, who directed many episodes of "The Sopranos."

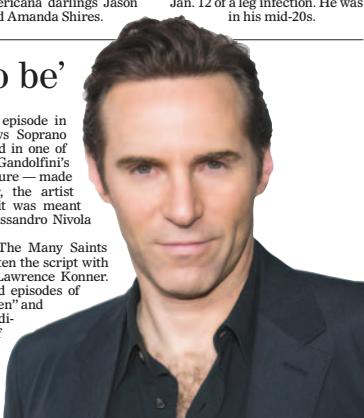
Another coincidence connects his own

family to the show: An episode in the second season shows Soprano visiting Naples, Italy, and in one of the scenes, just over Gandolfini's shoulder, is seen a sculpture — made by Nivola's grandfather, the artist Costantino Nivola. "So it was meant to be or something," Alessandro Nivola said.

Chase will produce "The Many Saints of Newark" and has written the script with "The Sopranos" writer Lawrence Konner. Alan Taylor, who helmed episodes of "The Sopranos," "Mad Men" and "Game of Thrones," will direct. "The Many Saints of Newark" begins shooting in April.

Alessandro Nivola

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

GM: better 2018 forecast, 2019 earnings

By TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors strengthened its pretax profit estimate for 2018 and predicted even stronger performance for this year as its executives made a presentation to investors on Friday.

Shares jumped nearly 9 percent in midday trading.

CEO Mary Barra also said the company doesn't foresee any further job cuts through 2020. Last year GM announced plans to close five North American factories and lay off 14,000 salaried and blue-collar workers.

The company predicts 2018 pretax, per-share profits will be higher than the \$5.80 to \$6.20 range it forecast in the third quarter. For 2019, it expects that to increase to \$6.50 to \$7.

The rosy profit forecast comes despite declining sales for the company in the U.S. and slowing sales in China. GM also plans to exit several car lines in the U.S. in the coming year.

The outlook exceeded Wall Street's expectations for both years. Analysts polled by FactSet expect pretax earnings of \$6.24 for 2018 and they predict a decline for this year, to \$5.92.

In a briefing for reporters before the presentation in New York, Barra said GM has enough new trucks and SUVs coming this year to offset any U.S. sales decline caused by scrapping car models such as the Chevrolet Cruze.

The company is rolling out new full-size pickup trucks and has heavy-duty versions coming later in the year. It also will have a full year of sales for the Cadillac XT4 and Chevrolet Blazer new SUVs, as well as new Cadillacs to be an-



RICHARD DREW/AP

General Motors Chairwoman and CEO Mary Barra is interviewed on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Friday.

nounced later, she said. "We think we have a very, very strong product portfolio this year, and we're really looking forward to getting those vehicles, trucks crossovers in to the marketplace," she said.

Chief Financial Officer Dhivya Suryadevara said restructuring efforts will help GM's bottom line in 2018 by \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion, with a total benefit of \$4.5 billion in cost savings and \$1.5 billion less in capital spending by the end of 2020.

Barra said that based on current business conditions, she sees no further layoffs or plant closures through the end of 2020. "We've made all the announcements that we need to make. We're continu-

ing to transform the company," she said.

In November, GM announced plans to shut the plants and lay off the workers, including about 3,300 at four U.S. factories that mainly make cars and components, 2,600 at a factory in Canada, and more than 8,000 white-collar workers. The company said the moves are necessary to stay financially healthy as it makes the transition to more electric and autonomous vehicles.

Barra said Friday that GM has 2,700 jobs at other factories for the 3,300 U.S. factory workers slated for layoff. About 1,500 workers have expressed interest in moving to other plants, and 700

already have been placed, she said. Another 1,200 are eligible to retire, she said.

GM has faced withering criticism from politicians and U.S. and Canadian unions because of the cuts. The company says it still has to negotiate possible closures in the U.S. with the United Auto Workers union.

Plants slated for closure include those in Lordstown, Ohio; Detroit-Hamtramck, Mich.; Warren, Mich.; White Marsh, Md., near Baltimore; and Oshawa, Ontario near Toronto.

Also, GM said it still plans to start a self-driving ride-hailing service this year in an unspecified city. Dan Ammann, the new CEO of GM's Cruise Automation autonomous vehicle unit, said GM still plans to deploy fully autonomous vehicles without human backup drivers for the service. But he also said the system may start with vehicles that have steering wheels and other controls.

"We will not deploy until we achieve the safety thresholds that we believe we need to deploy," Ammann said when questioned by reporters. "We're going as quickly as we can to reach that point."

Google's Waymo autonomous vehicle unit had said it would carry passengers without human backups in Arizona this year but late in the year announced that the humans would remain.

In China, GM expects sales to be flat overall, around 27 million. Even with 20 new or updated models coming in the country this year, Suryadevara predicted a small decline in profits from China.

GM also said its Cadillac brand would get the first electric vehicle in 2021 from a new architecture

of battery-powered cars, and the luxury brand will be the leader for electric vehicle introductions.

"We view this as a smart strategic play as it will allow pricing flexibility at the higher end which should help scale technology down to its other lines," UBS analyst Colin Langan wrote.

The United Auto Workers union applauded the additional electric vehicles and said in a statement Friday that they should be made at U.S. factories.

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Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 14)	\$1,1823
British buys (Jan. 14)	0.04545
Canadian dollar (Jan. 14)	0.71
Japanese yen (Jan. 14)	105.00
South Korean won (Jan. 14)	1,090.00

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Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2791
Canadian dollar	0.7265
Chinese yuan	5.2327
Denmark (Krone)	6.5070
Egypt (Pound)	17.9248
French franc	\$1,1470.00
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8410
Hungary (Forint)	280.39
Indian rupee	33.70
Japan (Yen)	100.39
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3029
Norway (Krone)	8.5266
Poland (Zloty)	5.17
Poland (Zloty)	3.74
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7595
Swiss franc	1.1532
South Korea (Won)	1,119.76
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9845
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U.S. dollar	5.4841

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What happens when GOATS are gone?

Tennis' future looks murky with legends Federer, Serena aging and no superstars in pipeline

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

It was a terrific moment for tennis, drawing tons of attention to an otherwise meaningless exhibition event in a sport just starting its new season: Serena Williams and Roger Federer sharing a court for the first — only? — time.

There they were, trying to return each other's sublime serves during a mixed doubles match, then kidding around and showering mutual admiration on each other during a joint interview, before posing for a selfie seen 'round the world.

A fan's dream. A promoter's, too. Also, potentially, a scary moment for tennis.

Williams, owner of a professional-era-record 23 Grand Slam singles titles, and Federer, owner of a men's-record 20, are both 37 years old, both parents and both far closer to the ends of their careers than anyone with a stake in the sport would care to think about. And so the whole scene on New Year's Day at the Hopman Cup raised a key question, one that will be a backdrop at the Australian Open when play begins in Melbourne on Monday: What will happen to tennis when these two GOATS ("Greatest of All Time") are gone?

"I'm a little worried about it. When they're done, it's going to be a real loss. When Federer goes, it's a loss, not only for individual tournaments but the tour itself. He drives so much support and fan revenue. It's similar with Serena. They're so well known outside of tennis. At the end of the day, I'm happy I can say I played against one of them and kind of alongside the other one," said Sam Querrey, a former member of the top 20 who reached Wimbledon's semifinals in 2017. "Hopefully someone can step up and take their place in terms of popularity."

That's not all that likely.

Not anytime soon, anyway.

It's become a popular parlor game to try to point to which players in their 20s now will fill the gap whenever it is that these two superstars move on.

Among the names bandied about these days are Naomi Osaka, Sloane Stephens and Jelena Ostapenko among the women, and Alexander Zverev, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Denis Shapovalov among the men. That group of a half-dozen owns a total of three Grand Slam titles so far (one each for the trio of women).

There are those, such as ATP Executive Chairman Chris Kermode and WTA CEO Steve Simon, who acknowledge that Federer and Williams are, as Simon put it, "very special," but also believe tennis can survive their eventual and inevitable departures.

"Whenever we see them on the court these days, it's something everyone should embrace and



TREVOR COLLINS/AP

Roger Federer returns the ball to Serena Williams during their mixed doubles tennis match on Jan. 1. It was a terrific moment for tennis, drawing attention to the game's future with no superstars in line to fill the shoes left by two of the sports' legendary players.

celebrate. They ... raised the profile and quality of tennis," Simon said. "If there are conversations about them retiring, I'd say that we'll certainly miss them, but it's also something that happens in sports: Icons retire and green new icons come up behind them. No one thought anyone would ever replace Michael Jordan, and I don't think LeBron James has done too bad a job of following him up."

Added Simon: "I hope they play for another 10 years, but if they don't, the sport will, of course, move on while also remembering their greatness forever."

Federer and Williams have built up reservoirs of success on the court and good will off it over nearly two decades: Williams' first Grand Slam title came in 1999; Federer's first arrived in 2003.

Her take on Federer: "Both on the court and off the court, he has such charisma."

His take on Williams: "You see how focused and determined she is, and I love that about her."

While Federer has managed to avoid any sort of real controversy at all — "His contributions have been immense both in terms of captivating audiences worldwide

on the court, as well as leading by example away from the court," Kermode said — Williams most recently faced backlash after a mid-match flare-up during a loss to Osaka in the U.S. Open final last September.

The Australian Open will be Williams' first real tournament since that outburst, which led to her being docked a game by the chair umpire and fined \$17,000 by the U.S. Tennis Association, so it will be fascinating to see how things play out in Melbourne, where she has won seven titles.

What everyone seems to

able to agree on is that whenever Williams and Federer — a six-time champion at the Australian Open, including in 2017 and 2018 — do decide to walk away, their imprints will be lasting ones.

"They are both legends. They are champions. To see both of them still competing on a real high level was quite fun and exciting," said three-time major champion Angelique Kerber, who was at the Hopman Cup. "I hope they will still play a few more years, as long as they can, because they are really important for tennis."

NBA

Detroit's Blake Griffin, right, drives against the Clippers' Shai Gilgeous-Alexander on Saturday in Los Angeles.

Ring H.W. Chu/AP



Roundup

Griffin nets 44 in return to LA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Blake Griffin kept his emotions to himself in his return to Staples Center for the first time against his old team.

After scoring 44 points in the Detroit Pistons' 109-104 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Saturday, he allowed himself a trip down memory lane.

"The best thing to be a part of is something that is bigger than myself and that is what that was," he said in a crowded hallway outside the Pistons' locker room. "I don't look at what I did."

Griffin was greeted with cheers during pregame introductions and received a standing ovation after a first-quarter video tribute from the team that drafted him first overall in 2009.

"There was a lot of hype coming into this game and I was looking forward to it, but I'm glad that it's over," he said. "The next time I come it won't be as crazy."

Griffin stuck his right arm in the air and then brought his raised hands together in a thankful gesture without smiling. He clearly wanted to beat the team that stunningly traded him last January after he had signed a \$171 million, five-year extension.

Griffin averaged 26.1 points, 9.3 rebounds and 4.2 assists in eight seasons for the Clippers. He was the Rookie of the Year and a five-time All-Star with the franchise.

Suns 102, Nuggets 93: Kelly Oubre Jr. matched his career high with 26 points for the second time in three games and host Phoenix beat Denver, a victory for the team with the worst record in the Western Conference over the team with the best.

Denver fell to just a half-game ahead of Golden State for best record in the West.

Timberwolves 110, Pelicans 106: Karl-Anthony Towns had 27 points and a career-high 27 rebounds to help host Minnesota hold off Anthony Davis and New Orleans.

Magic 105, Celtics 103: Aaron Gordon had 28 points and 12 rebounds and Orlando held off visiting Boston.

Thunder 122, Spurs 112: Dennis Schroder scored all of his 19 points in the second half to help host Oklahoma City beat San Antonio.

Heat 112, Grizzlies 108: Justise Winslow scored 26 points, Dwyane Wade had a huge blocked shot in the final seconds and Miami beat Memphis.

Jazz 110, Bulls 102: Donovan Mitchell scored 34 points, his third straight game with more than 30, to help host Utah pull away from Chicago.

Kings 104, Hornets 97: Bogdan Bogdanovic scored 22 points, 9.3 rebounds and 4.2 assists in eight seasons for the Clippers. He was the Rookie of the Year and a five-time All-Star with the franchise.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
18	Toronto	32	12	.727	—
19	Philadelphia	27	16	.628	4½
20	Boston	25	18	.565	6
21	Brooklyn	21	23	.477	11
22	New York	19	25	.438	21

24. Totals 44-96 14-20 112.

Southeast Division

	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
18	Charlotte	21	23	.492	7½
19	Orlando	18	24	.429	9½
20	Washington	18	25	.419	4
21	Atlanta	15	30	.310	8½

22. Totals 44-96 14-20 112.

Central Division

Western Conference

Southwest Division

	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
20	Houston	24	17	.583	—
21	San Antonio	25	19	.568	½
22	Dallas	20	23	.465	4½
23	New Orleans	19	23	.452	5½
24	Memphis	11	33	.233	20

25. Totals 40-88 21-26 40.

Northwest Division

	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
26	Oklahoma City	26	16	.619	2½
27	Denver	26	17	.617	3½
28	Utah	23	21	.523	6½
29	Minnesota	21	22	.488	8

30. Totals 40-88 21-26 40.

Pacific Division

Friday's games

Atlanta 123, Philadelphia 121, Washington 106, Boston 106, Indiana 106, New York 106

Toronto 122, Brooklyn 105, Milwaukee 115, Boston 115

Houston 141, Cleveland 113

Portland 127, Charlotte 96

Golden State 146, Chicago 109

Saturday's games

Detroit 109, Milwaukee 104

Memphis 112, Memphis 108

Orlando 105, Boston 105

Minnesota 106, New Orleans 106

Oklahoma City 122, San Antonio 112

Phoenix 102, Denver 102

Charlotte 106, Charlotte 97

Utah 110, Chicago 102

Sunday's games

Philadelphia 123, New York 109

Toronto 122, Charlotte 106

Houston 122, Brooklyn 105

Atlanta 115, Boston 115

Houston 141, Cleveland 113

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Probe of IOC's Takeda clouds Tokyo Olympics

By STEPHEN WADE
AND YURI KAGEYAMA
Associated Press

TOKYO — A month ago, Tsunekazu Takeda was warmly applauded by 1,400 Olympic dignitaries as he spoke alongside International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach in Tokyo.

A month later, the powerful IOC member and head of the Japanese Olympic Committee is fighting a corruption investigation, suspected by French investigators of authorizing the payment of bribes to help land the 2020 Tokyo Olympics when IOC members voted in 2013.

In a Japanese Olympic Committee statement on Friday, Takeda denied any wrongdoing.

A distant relative of Japan's royal family — the great grandson of the Meiji Emperor — Takeda could join a list of suspended IOC members, and honorary members, who are linked to corruption probes. His case could potentially tarnish the Tokyo Olympics, which open in 18 months.

"The Tokyo Olympics Face a Black Cloud," was Saturday's headline in the popular daily Nikkan Sports.

Takeda has scheduled a news conference for Tuesday in Tokyo to address the investigation.

"The case is causing tremendous concern among the people who are supporting the Tokyo Games," Takeda said. "But I will continue to cooperate in the investigation in order to clear any suspicion of me."

Two of Japan's three major newspapers — Mainichi and Asahi — put the story on Saturday's front page. It was the top story

'I will continue to cooperate in the investigation in order to clear any suspicion of me.'

Tsunekazu Takeda

Head of Japanese Olympic Committee

for Mainichi, and Asahi placed the Olympic story just under the ongoing detention of Nissan ex-chairman Carlos Ghosn.

In Asahi, next to a photograph of Takeda, a headline read: "French preliminary hearing judge suspects bribery in Olympic bidding."

Ghosn is a Brazilian-born Frenchman, and several papers suggested that France could be getting even for Japan's treatment of Ghosn.

"France Retaliates for Ghosn Case?" said a headline in the magazine Aera.

The Tokyo Shimbun ran with the strongest headline: "Tokyo Olympics in Shock and Turmoil."

"Impossible. Why now?" the newspaper headline asked, quoting unnamed 2020 Tokyo Olympic officials. The paper said "shock ran through people working on the Tokyo Olympics. With about 500 days to go before the games open, those involved are perplexed and flabbergasted."

The IOC ethics commission was to have met Friday, but the IOC did not say what action it had taken. It could suspend Takeda or ask him to step aside during the investigation. Or do nothing.

Three IOC members are now suspended: Sheikh Ahmad of Kuwait, Patrick Hickey of Ireland, and Frankie Fredericks of Namibia. Honorary member Carlos Nuzman of Brazil, who headed the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics, is also suspended in a similar vote-buying investigation.



MATT YORK/AP

Matt Kuchar puts on the 13th green during the third round of the Sony Open on Saturday at Waialae Country Club in Honolulu. He shot a 4-under 66 to lead the tournament by two strokes.

Kuchar leads Sony by 2

Veteran looks for his first 2-win season since 2013

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Matt Kuchar made it look easy Saturday in the Sony Open. With no bogeys on his card, it even felt easy to him.

Beneath that cap is plenty of gray hair.

Beneath that smile, he knows better.

"Listen, the game of golf is not easy," Kuchar said after a 4-under 66 to take a two-shot lead over Andrew Putnam into the final round. "It's not often you're in full control. Those times you're not in full control, you're faced with a lot of situations where golf is going to find a way to stress you out and test you."

He gets another test Sunday, and Kuchar at least is equipped with recent experience. In November, he ended a four-year drought by winning the Mayakoba Classic in Mexico on another course that requires keeping the ball in play off the tee for good chances to score.

There's another similarity in the two events.

Kuchar had a 54-hole score of 193 in Mexico, the lowest of his career. He went one lower at the Sony Open at 18-under 192. Kuchar made only one bogey

through 54 holes at Waialae, and he only came seriously close to one bogey until saving par from a bunker on the par-3 17th.

Putnam was two shots behind after a 67.

Keith Mitchell had a 63 to pull within four shots, along with Chez Reavie, who fell back with three straight bogeys early on the back nine. Those were the only players within five shots of the lead, and all of them are chasing Kuchar.

"I anticipate needing another good score tomorrow," Kuchar said. "I know I can't coast."

Kuchar is 2-2 when he has the 54-hole lead going into the final round.

The only other time Kuchar won twice in the same season was in 2013, when he won the Match Play Championship in Arizona in February and the Memorial in early June.

That put him at No. 4 in the world, the highest he has been in his career.

Kuchar was sliding his way out of the top 50 toward the end of last year, when he failed to make a Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup team for the first time since 2009. But he had a good session with his swing coach in Dallas, and it paid off two weeks later on the Gulf side of the Mexican coast.

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Roundup

Stamkos carries red-hot Lightning

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — For the second game in a row, the Tampa Bay Lightning started off slow. And once again, they rallied for a win.

Steven Stamkos scored the tie-breaking goal with 5:16 remaining to lead the Lightning to a 5-3 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Saturday night. It followed a similar performance in the team's 3-1 win over Carolina on Thursday.

"For the first period and a half I didn't think we had it, that's another slow start," Stamkos said. "We need to correct some things there. But this group this year, it feels different. Just finding that we're confident we're going to win. We found a way."

Nikita Kucherov, Brayden Point, Ondrej Palat and Ryan Callahan also scored for help the Lightning win for the 18th time in 20 games and improve to 35-8-2. Louis Domingue stopped 30 shots.

"I think everybody thinks the same way on the team," Tampa Bay defenseman Mikhail Sergachev said. "We know that we're going to bounce back. I mean, look at our group. We have so much skill and big defensemen who can shoot and skate and forwards are super skilled. We always have a feeling that we're going to bounce back and score goals."

The game-winner came off a drop-pass by Kucherov, the NHL's leading scorer. Stamkos then ripped a hard shot to the blocker side to put the Lightning up for good. Ryan Callahan then added some insurance with 1:19 remaining to make it 5-3.

Blue Jackets 2, Capitals 1 (OT): Cam Atkinson scored his 25th goal of the season, Artemi Panarin connected in overtime and Columbus beat host Washington after the defending Stanley Cup champions lost All-Star goaltender Braden Holtby to an eye injury.

Panarin scored in overtime for the second straight game.

Bruins 3, Maple Leafs 2: David Pastrnak scored a tie late in the second period and Boston won to Toronto.

The Bruins won the season series 3-1 and moved within two points of Toronto for second place in the Atlantic Division.

Rangers 2, Islanders 1: Mats Zuccarello scored late in the third period and the Rangers earned their first victory at the Barclays Center.

Zuccarello redirected the winner with his skates from in front of the net for his fifth goal of the season.

Golden Knights 4, Blackhawks 3 (OT): Las Vegas defenseman Shea Theodore scored 1:19 into overtime when Chicago's Carl



JEFFREY T. BARNES/AP

Tampa Bay goalie Louis Domingue (70) makes a save during his team's 5-3 win at Buffalo on Saturday.

Dahlstrom slid the puck into his own net.

Theodore was driving when Dahlstrom knocked it away and through the legs of goaltender Collin Delia. It was Theodore's first goal since he scored twice in an 8-3 win at Chicago on Nov. 27.

Devils 3, Flyers 2: Rookie Mackenzie Blackwood made 32 saves in his return from an injury, helping New Jersey beat Philadelphia.

Red Wings 5, Wild 2: Tyler Bertuzzi had his first career hat trick and Detroit beat host Minnesota to end a three-game losing streak. Playing in his 100th career game, Bertuzzi completed his three-goal performance at 8:38 of the third period, converting a feed from Nyquist by lifting a backhand past Devan Dubnyk.

Kings 5, Penguins 2: Jonathan Quick stopped 38 shots to get his 301st win, helping Los Angeles snap Pittsburgh's six-game road winning streak.

Quick tied Mike Richter for fourth place in career wins by an American goalie, reaching the mark in his 57th game and matching the former Rangers goalie's total in 666 games.

Canadiens 3, Avalanche 0: Carey Price stopped 28 shots for his third shutout of the season and 43rd overall to help host Montreal beat Colorado.

Bruins 3, Stars 1: Rookie goalie Jordan Binnington won his third straight start, Vladimir Tarasenko scored two goals and St. Louis won to Dallas.

Coyotes 3, Oilers 2: Connor Garland scored a pair of power-play goals, including one that went off his face and left him bloodied, and visiting Arizona won.

Sharks 4, Senators 1: Brent Burns scored his fourth game-winning goal and Martin Jones made 27 saves for host San Jose.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

	Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	45	35	8	2	72	188	128
Toronto	45	28	14	2	58	158	122
Florida	45	24	17	2	54	139	134
Montreal	46	24	17	2	53	138	130
Buffalo	45	23	16	6	52	131	130
Pittsburgh	45	22	17	3	49	127	125
Detroit	45	17	28	3	47	123	160
Ottawa	46	17	24	5	39	143	178
	Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Washington	45	27	14	2	59	152	128
Pittsburgh	45	25	14	6	56	161	132
New York Islanders	43	24	15	4	52	139	134
Carolina	41	21	18	5	47	117	127
New Jersey	44	18	26	3	41	125	145
Philadelphia	44	16	23	6	38	123	160

Western Conference

	Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Winnipeg	46	27	14	2	58	152	125
Nashville	46	27	15	4	58	142	126
Colorado	46	20	17	8	48	151	144
Minnesota	45	22	20	3	49	127	132
Chicago	47	16	22	9	41	137	171
	Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Calgary	48	27	14	3	61	166	125
San Jose	47	27	13	3	61	167	141
Vegas	48	28	16	4	60	147	127
Edmonton	45	21	21	3	45	126	144
Vancouver	46	20	21	5	49	131	132
Anaheim	46	18	25	3	39	105	136

	Western Conference						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Columbus	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Washington	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
First Period —1, Columbus, Atkinson (on goal), 1:00.							
Second Period —2, New Jersey, Severson (G, on goal, Stafford), 6:32.							
Third Period —2, New Jersey, Hischier (3, on goal, Dubois), 13:54.							
Overtime —3, Columbus, Panarin (3, on goal), 1:30.							
Shots on Goal —Columbus 7-6-8-1—22. Washington 11-12-11-22.							
Power-play opportunities —Columbus 1-0; New Jersey 0-2.							
Penalties —Columbus 0, New Jersey 0.							
Shots on Goal —Philadelphia 8-7-8-1—23. Washington 12-10-11-20.							
Power-play opportunities —Philadelphia 0-3; New Jersey 0-5.							
Penalties —Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 3-1-2-23.							
Shots on Goal —Philadelphia 12-8-10-11-26. New Jersey 12-13-13-26.							
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top 25 roundup

Unranked Cards stun No. 12 Tar Heels

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Louisville went from suffering a confidence-jarring loss against a long-struggling Atlantic Coast Conference program to handing Roy Williams his worst home loss in 16 seasons with North Carolina.

Tough to explain? Even the Hall of Famer had a hard time with that.

"We never really got into the game," Williams said after Saturday's 83-62 defeat to the Cardinals. "I'd like to give you a brilliant answer as to why, but I can't give you that brilliant answer."

It was as mystifying a performance from No. 12 UNC — which had started league play with two road wins — as it was a strong effort from Louisville following Wednesday's overtime loss to Pittsburgh.

First-year coach Chris Mack said there was "some soul searching" after that setback, which snapped Pitt's 23-game losing streak in ACC regular-season games. The Panthers had lost by 25 points at home to the Tar Heels a few days earlier.

Louisville (11-5, 2-1) responded by strolling into Chapel Hill, jumping on UNC early and turning a 43-34 halftime lead into an unexpected rout.

"I've been around the game enough to know you can be lured in any given night and then erase a bitter feeling a few nights later," Mack said. "I don't know how football coaches do it, they get one game a week."

No. 3 Tennessee 78, Florida 67: Grant Williams scored 20 points, Jordan Bowden added 17 off the bench and the Volunteers rallied to beat the host Gators for their 10th consecutive victory.

Admiral Schofield, who sat out much of the second half with four fouls, provided the biggest bucket with a three-pointer from the corner with 41.3 seconds remaining. Jalen Hudson misfired on the other end, and Florida was forced to foul in the waning seconds. Schofield's shot came after Williams appeared to get away with a travel in the lane.



GERRY BROOME/AP

North Carolina's Coby White, bottom, and Louisville's Jordan Nwora fight for the ball during Louisville's 83-62 win Saturday in Chapel Hill, N.C.

No. 4 Virginia 63, Clemson 43: Kyle Guy had 13 points, De'Andre Hunter scored 12 and the visiting Cavaliers improved to 15-0.

No. 5 Gonzaga 96, San Francisco 83: Brandon Clarke scored 24 points and the Bulldogs got a tie-breaking three-pointer from Zach Norvell Jr. with less than three minutes remaining to spark a 15-2 run to finish off the host Dons.

Rui Hachimura added 21 points and Josh Perkins added 16 with some clutch baskets down the stretch to lead Gonzaga (16-2, 3-0 WCC).

No. 7 Kansas 73, Baylor 68: Lagerald Vick scored 18 points with six three-pointers on his 22nd birthday and the Jayhawks held on to beat the host Bears.

Vick hit two of his three in an 11-3 run in the final 1:44 of the first half for Kansas (14-2, 3-1 Big 12) to put it up by 10. The Jayhawks then held a double-digit lead for most of the second half

until Baylor (9-6, 1-2) had eight consecutive points in the final minute.

Ino. 8 Texas Tech 68, Texas 62: Matt Mooney scored 22 points to help the Red Raiders' earn their first win in Austin since 1996.

Jordan Culver scored 14 points and had seven assists for Texas Tech (15-1, 4-0 Big 12), whose last win in Austin came when both schools were in the old Southwest Conference.

No. 10 Nevada 74, Fresno State 64: Caleb Martin scored 27 points, including two free throws with 54.6 seconds remaining, and the visiting Wolf Pack held on to beat the Bulldogs. Martin also added nine rebounds, and Jordan Caroline had 19 points and 16 rebounds for Nevada (16-1, 3-1 Mountain West).

No. 11 Auburn 93, Georgia 78: Jared Harper had 22 points and seven assists while he and the host Tigers rebounded from a rough night to beat the Bulldogs.

Harper and Auburn (12-3, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) looked sharper at home than in an 86-76 loss at Mississippi, but still struggled to put away a team that was blown away by No. 3 Tennessee.

Mississippi 81, No. 14 Mississippi State 77: Blake Hinson scored a career-high 26 points, Breein Tyree added 19 and Ole Miss (13-2, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) rallied for the win. Mississippi (13-2, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) won its 10th straight game, continuing its surprising run under first-year coach Kermit Davis.

No. 15 N.C. State 86, Pittsburgh 80: DJ Funderburk scored 12 of his 18 points in the second half and host the Wolfpack beat the Panthers.

Devon Daniels scored 19 points, Eric Lockett added 12 of his 17 points after halftime, and Torin Dorn finished with 12 for North Carolina State (14-2, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Iowa 72, No. 16 Ohio State

62: Luka Garza scored 16 points, Tyler Cook had 15 points with eight rebounds and the Hawkeyes handed the Buckeyes their third straight loss.

Ryan Kriener scored 11 points for Iowa (14-3, 3-3 Big Ten), which has won the straight after a 0-3 start to league play.

No. 17 Houston 79, Wichita State 70: Corey Davis Jr. had 20 points, Armon Brooks added 14 and the host Cougars rebounded from their first loss of the season.

No. 18 Kentucky 56, Vanderbilt 47: Ashton Hagans and Kelvin Johnson each scored 15 points and combined to rally the host Wildcats from another slow start. The Wildcats (12-3, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) steadily pulled away for their second consecutive win despite a season low in points.

No. 19 Buffalo 88, Miami (Ohio) 64: Jeremy Harris scored 17 points and the No. 19 Buffaloes shook off a cold-shooting start to cruise past the visiting Red Hawks.

Nick Perkins scored 12 points before hobbling off with an injury to his lower left leg midway through the second half. Buffalo (15-1, 3-0 Mid-American Conference) extended its school-best home winning streak to 19.

Kansas State 58, No. 20 Iowa State 57: Barry Brown hit a layup with four seconds left and the Wildcats handed the Cyclones their second straight loss.

Brown had 23 points to lead Kansas State (12-4, 2-2 Big 12).

No. 21 Marquette 70, Seton Hall 66: Markus Howard scored 26 points, Sacar Anim had 14 and the host Golden Eagles stayed off a second-half rally.

No. 23 Oklahoma 76, No. 25 TCU 74: Kristian Doolittle hit a runner with less than three seconds left, lifting the host Sooners.

DePaul 79, No. 24 St. John's 71: Femi Olujobi had 27 points and eight rebounds in his New York homecoming and the Blue Demons pulled away from the short-handed Red Storm.

Reddish's three lifts No. 1 Duke over FSU

BY BOB FERRANTE
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Cam Reddish had struggled for more than a month, searching for any kind of consistency with his shot.

With Zion Williamson on the bench in the second half and suffering from double vision after getting poked in the eye, Reddish made all the shots on Saturday — including the game-winner.

The freshman forward hit a three-pointer with 0.8 seconds left to lead No. 1 Duke past No. 13 Florida State, 80-78 on Saturday.

Reddish caught the ball on the wing off the inbounds pass and made a wide-open

three-pointer to ensure that Duke (14-1, 3-0 ACC) would win its ninth straight game. Two freshmen carried the load for Duke as RJ Barrett scored 32 points on 10-for-19 shooting and Reddish finished with 23 points on 9-for-15 shooting.

"It was great," said Reddish, who scored 16 second-half points. "I was working really hard to get back to who I was. Trusting God. Praying every day to be who I was. It was a big shot for us. My coaches and teammates have helped me with my confidence. I'm glad I made the shot."

It was a clutch shot at a critical moment for Duke, which hasn't had many close games this season and has won 13 of 14 games by 10 or more points. The Blue Devils

have just one loss, 89-87 to No. 5 Gonzaga on a neutral court.

Duke was certainly on the ropes on Saturday, especially playing in the second half without Zion Williamson. The star freshman left the game after getting poked in the eye late in the first half. He didn't return and had 11 points and eight rebounds in 17 minutes.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski wasn't sure what to expect from the Blue Devils, who were without one of their top players and facing a top-15 team on the road. Barrett and Reddish "kept us in it," Krzyzewski said.

"They rose," Krzyzewski said. "They rose to the different occasion. An occasion that we hadn't been in this year."



MARK WALLHEISER/AP

Duke guard Jordan Goldwire, left, and forward Jack White, right, celebrate with Cam Reddish after Reddish scored the game-winning three-pointer against Florida State with less than a second left.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Cowboys' running game, defense grounded

By JOE REEDY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dallas Cowboys advanced to the divisional round of the playoffs on the strength of their running game and run defense. On Saturday night, it proved to be their downfall.

The Cowboys allowed their most rushing yards in a postseason game, while Ezekiel Elliott was held to 47 yards in a 30-22 loss to the Los Angeles Rams. It was the sixth straight loss in the divisional round for Dallas, and it has not reached the NFC championship game since 1996.

"We did not do a good enough job defending the run, obviously," coach Jason Garrett said. "They were also committed to stopping our run. They had a lot of people around the line of scrimmage and that's what they were going to do."

The epitome of the Cowboys' ground game woes on both sides came in the fourth quarter.

Dallas was down 23-15 and on the Rams 35 when Elliott was stopped for no gain on fourth-and-1. Los Angeles then went on a 12-play, 65-yard touchdown drive where all but two plays were runs. The drive was capped by a 1-yard score by C.J. Anderson.

"They dominated us up front,



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott pushes off Rams linebacker Cory Littleton on Saturday. Elliott ran for just 47 yards.

we didn't get any movement," said Elliott about the fourth-down play.

Quarterback Dak Prescott said that stop thwarted any momentum the Cowboys had after being down 23-7 midway through the third quarter.

"We didn't get it done on fourth down and that changed the game right there. We weren't able to execute when we needed to and it hurt," he said. "Had we made it, we still would have a nice balance running and passing and we wouldn't have had to drop back on every play."

Dallas allowed only 73 yards in its wild-card round victory over Seattle, who came in with the

NFL's top-ranked rushing attack. The Cowboys didn't have the same success against the league's No. 3 rushing team, surrendering 273 yards. The old mark was 269 against the Rams in 1986 as Eric Dickerson ran for 248 yards.

On Saturday, it was two backs who gave the Cowboys problems as both Gurley (115) and Anderson (123) averaged 6.1 yards per carry.

The Rams did it behind a dominant game from the offensive line, with left tackle Andrew Whitworth leading the way by winning his matchups when paired up against defensive ends DeMarcus Lawrence and Randy Gregory.

"I don't think they outmuscled us, it was a combination of things. We didn't get upfield as well as we usually do," defensive end Tyrone Crawford said.

The Cowboys' running game also struggled. Elliott averaged just 2.4 yards on 20 carries. It marked the first time in three postseason games that the third-year running back was held under 100 yards.

Prescott had a rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter, but wasn't used on any designed runs until late in the game, when Dallas was down by two scores. Prescott said he wasn't surprised about that while Garrett said most of the run-pass option plays called resulted in handoffs.

The Rams came in ranked 23rd in run defense during the regular season, and had allowed 98 yards or more in 10 straight games. The 50 yards allowed marked a season low and the second-fewest since former Cowboys coach Wade Phillips became defensive coordinator in 2017.

"We played against a real good front," Elliott said. "You guys kept asking me about stats and 5.1 yards per carry [allowed by the Rams] and I told you it's playoff football and none of that [stuff] matters anymore. They came out and played better than us tonight."

Scoreboard

Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 5
Indianapolis 21, Houston 7
Philadelphia 23, Chicago 17
Sunday, Jan. 6
L.A. Chargers 23, Baltimore 17
Philadelphia 23, Chicago 17
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Kansas City 31, Indianapolis 13
L.A. Rams 24, Atlanta 20
Sunday, Jan. 13
L.A. Chargers 30, New England 24
Philadelphia 23, New Orleans 13
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 20
L.A. Rams vs. Philadelphia-New Orleans winner, site TBA
AFC AFC champion

L.A. Chargers-New England winner at Kansas City

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 27
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At Atlanta

AFC champion vs. NFC champion

Saturday

Cheifs 31, Colts 13

Indianapolis 0 7 0 6-13
Kansas City 14 10 0 1-1
First Quarter
KC—FB Butler 39, 12:13.
KC—Hill 36 run (Butler kick), 10:05.
KC—Hill 36 run (Butler kick), 6:28.
Second Quarter
KC—FB Butler 29, 12:13.
KC—Anderson 0 blocked punt return (Vi-
trani FG), 5:09.
KC—Mahomes 4 run (Butler kick), 1:40.

Ind.

**Hilton 29 pass from Luck (kick
failed), 5:31.**
Ind.—D.C. Williams 6 run (Butler kick),
2:23.
A—76:55.

Ind.

First downs 15 29
Total Net Yards 263 433
Rushes-Yards 143 33-100
Passing 176 253
Punt Returns 0-0 5-6
Kick Returns 4-80 2-39
Interceptions Ret. 0 0
Comp-Att-Int 19-36-0 27-41-0
Sacked-Yards Lost 3-27 4-25
Yards-Lost 7-452 1-311
Penalties-Yards 10-70 6-54
Time of Possession 39:49

Kc.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Indianapolis Mack 9-46,
Hilton 2-13, Hill 1-12, Anderson 1-11,
Williams 25-125, Hill 1-16, Dar Williams 3-
9, Mahomes 3-4, Watkins 1 (minus 1).
PASSING—Indianapolis Luck 29-0-0,
Hill 23-14-0, Hilton 4-60, Williams 1-53,
Rogers 3-30, Hill 2-40, Inniss 1-53,
RECEIVING—Indianapolis Ebron 5-51,
Kerrison 23-23, Hill 1-10, Ebron 1-10,
Watkins 6-62, Dam Williams 5-25, Dieter
1-1.

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MISSING FIELD GOALS—Indianapolis,
Vitarelli 23.

Rams 30, Cowboys 22

Dallas 7 0 8 7-22
L.A. Rams 11 3 7 7-30
First Quarter
La—FG Zuerlein 25, 9:44.
La—Anderson 1 run (Zuerlein kick),
7:00.
La—Gurley 35 run (Zuerlein kick),
3:27.

Dall.

Second Quarter
La—FG Zuerlein 23, 13:46.
La—Anderson 1 run (Zuerlein kick),
7:00.
La—Gurley 35 run (Zuerlein kick),
3:27.

Dall.

Third Quarter
La—Anderson 1 run (Zuerlein kick),
7:16.
Dall—Prescott 1 run (Maher kick),
2:11.
La—Anderson 1 run (Zuerlein kick),
7:17.

Dall.

Fourth Quarter
La—Anderson 1 run (Zuerlein kick),
7:18.
Dall—Prescott 1 run (Maher kick),
2:11.
La—Anderson 1 run (Zuerlein kick),
7:17.

Dall.

First downs 10 308 459
Total Net Yards 225 250 48-273
Rushes-Yards 20 258 30-166
Passing 176 250 3-29
Punt Returns 0-0 0-0
Kick Returns 3-60 4-26 0-0
Interceptions Ret. 0-0 0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost 1-8 1-0 0-0
Yards-Lost 4-413 1-19 0-0
Penalties-Yards 4-26 4-41 0-0
Time of Possession 23:47 36:13

Dall.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Dallas Elliott 20-47,
Prescott 2-3, Los Angeles, Anderson 23-
26, Hill 1-12, Williams 1-12, Woods 1-
9, Reynolds 1-9, Cooks 1-5.
PASSING—Dallas Prescott 20-32-0-0,
26-26-0-0, Los Angeles 1-12-0-0.

Dall.

RECEIVING—Dallas Gollup 6-119,
Elliott 6-65, Elliott 2-19, Jarvin 2-17, Schultz
2-10, Beasley 1-21, Brown 1-13, Williams
1-10, Los Angeles 8-100, Woods 6-69,
Cooks 4-65, Higbee 2-30, Gurley 2-33,
Reynolds 1-19.

Dall.

MISSING FIELD GOALS—Los Angeles,
Zuerlein 63.

Trample: Rams' line paved way for most yards Dallas yielded all year

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also the most allowed in the post-season by the Cowboys, who were playing in their NFL-record 63rd postseason game.

"Feels great, just running the ball the way we did," quarterback Jared Goff said after his first career playoff victory. "Two 100-yard rushers, that's rare, and it starts with those five guys up front."

The long-struggling Rams had won only one postseason game since their last trip to the Super Bowl in February 2002, but 32-year-old coach Sean McVay has added his first playoff victory to his spectacular two-season franchise turnaround.

"It's a big-time win for us and the key was being able to hold them to 50 yards [rushing] and to rush for 273," McVay said.

Ezekiel Elliott rushed for a TD and Amari Cooper caught an early TD pass for the Cowboys (1-7), who haven't won a play-off game on the road in 26 years. After winning the NFC East and beating Seattle last week, Dallas lost in the divisional playoff round for the sixth consecutive time and fell short of its first trip to the NFC championship game since January 1996.

Next weekend, the Rams will face the winner of the other divisional playoff game in New Orleans between the top-seeded Saints and the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles.

The Rams are one win away from another Super Bowl trip.

After McVay's inventive offense largely stuck to old-time football basics behind an unlikely running back tandem and an offensive line determined to assert its superiority.

The Rams proved it on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with 7:16 to play. McVay called a simple run, and Anderson bullied in behind his blockers for LA's final points.

"We always talk about attacking success, never fearing failure," McVay said of his reasoning on the call. "We wanted to come out here and try to play fearless tonight."

The Cowboys, who largely shut down Seattle's league-best rushing attack last week, hadn't allowed two 100-yard rushers in a playoff game since the NFL-AFL merger.

Dak Prescott passed for 266 yards and rushed for a TD with 2:11 to play, but the Cowboys couldn't climb out after falling into a 23-7 hole midway through the third quarter. Elliott managed just 47 yards on 20 carries as Dallas lost for just the second time in its last 10 games.

Goff passed for 186 yards and spent much of the night hand-backing off, but the gangly quarterback improbably scrambled 11 yards for a first down with 1:51 to play, essentially wrapping up his breakthrough win.

It was also the first postseason victory for the anchor of that line, 37-year-old left tackle Andrew Whitworth, and veteran defensive linemen Ndamukong Suh.

Gurley and Anderson became

the fourth set of teammates in NFL history to rush for 100 yards apiece in a postseason game, an improbable development to assert its superiority.

Gurley is the Rams' offensive centerpiece and one of the NFL's elite running backs, but Anderson is a well-traveled veteran playing only his third game with the Rams after signing last month when Gurley was struggling with a knee injury.

"It's scary," Anderson said of his partnership with Gurley. "We've got two different styles, and we can keep teams off balance... Playing on the field with Todd Gurley and Ezekiel Elliott, I'm just trying to make my statement and make my stamp in this game, too."

They ran with equal verve while Los Angeles racked up more yards than the Cowboys had allowed on the ground all season. Dallas hadn't given up 200 yards in a playoff game since Eric Dickerson did it for the Rams in 1986.

But with the Rams' veteran offensive line cutting holes in the Cowboys' defense, Anderson became the third Rams player with more than 100 yards and two rushing TDs in a game, joining Dickerson and Marshall Faulk.

Three years to the day after the NFL approved the Rams' return to Los Angeles, the franchise earned its first playoff victory since coming home from 21 years in St. Louis.

The Rams chewed up the ground and the clock on four lengthy scoring drives in the first

half. Anderson reached the end zone seven minutes before half-time on a 1-yard plunge—and just 3½ minutes later, Gurley broke through the middle and went 35 yards for his first career playoff touchdown, putting the Rams up 20-7 at halftime.

Elliott scored on a 1-yard plunge and the Cowboys got a 2-point conversion to trim the Rams' lead to 23-15 in the third quarter, but the Rams made a decisive 12-play, 65-yard drive in the fourth, capped by Anderson's bold 1-yard TD plunge on fourth down.

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The big show

A sellout crowd of 77,187 assembled in the cavernous Coliseum, with a significant portion of those fans cheering on America's Team. The sideline was dotted with celebrities, and LeBron James hosted several Lakers teammates in a field suite behind the east end zone.

Cowboys: WR Cole Beasley had one catch for 15 yards, and tight end Blake Jarwin had two catches for 17 yards. They both missed practice all week with ankle injuries.

Rams: Gurley appeared a bit fatigued in his first action in four weeks, but his knee seemed to hold up well. ... CB Agib Talib went to the locker room in the third quarter to be evaluated for a concussion. He returned for the fourth quarter.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Chiefs roll past Colts, into AFC title game

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs' defense had heard the chorus of critics all season long, the ones that claimed their sieve-like line and shaky backfield would spoil young superstar Patrick Mahomes and cost them a chance to reach their first Super Bowl appearance in decades.

Well, that defense is a big reason why the Chiefs are one step away.

With persistent snow turning Arrowhead Stadium into a winter wonderland, the Chiefs successfully shut down Andrew Luck and the potent Indianapolis Colts on Saturday.

Mahomes and the rest of their own high-powered offense took care of the rest, rolling to a 31-13 victory in the divisional round to end 25 years of playoff frustration.

"We're such a different team," said Mahomes, who threw for 278 yards while running for a score. "We have such young players. We have such confidence we're going to win every single game."

Damien Williams ran through snow and muck for 129 yards and another score, and Tyreek Hill had 72 yards receiving and a touchdown run, as the Chiefs beat Indianapolis for the first time in five playoff meetings to earn their first AFC title game appearance since January 1994.

The AFC West champions will play the winner of Sunday's game between the division-rival Los Angeles Chargers and the New England Patriots next weekend for a spot in the Super Bowl in Atlanta.

"We wanted to light up the city," Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones said. "We didn't want to take the road down memory lane."

Andrew Luck was held to 203 yards passing for the Colts, while Marlon Mack was a non-factor on the ground. He had 46 yards rushing before leaving late in the fourth quarter with a hip injury.

"Was not expecting it to end today," Colts coach Frank Reich said. "We knew we were going up against a very good team, a very well-coached team. It's hard to lose. It's hard to lose when you've come this far with the team that we have and the guys that we have, so credit to the Chiefs."

"They outcoached us, they outplayed us," Reich said. "We just gave them too many opportunities."

The Chiefs set out to change history from the opening minutes, when they forced a three-and-out and then waltzed right over a Colts defense that nearly shut out the Texans a week ago. Mahomes and Co. scored on their first three possessions, and then again just before halftime, to take a 24-7 lead.

If there was any question whether this would be Kansas City's day, it was answered when field kicker Adam Vinatieri missed a 23-yard field goal try off the upright just before halftime. It was the first time in 22 postseason attempts that he'd missed from that close.

Not that the Chiefs thought they had it wrapped up.

They'd had bigger playoff meltdowns against the Colts.

There was the 10-7 loss in which Lin Elliott missed three field goals when the Chiefs were the No. 1 seed, and the loss at Arrowhead Stadium in 2003 in which nobody punted. Five years ago, they blew a 38-10 second-half lead against Luck and the Colts to spoil Andy Reid's first season.

Not this time.

Not with this Kansas City quarterback.

After shattering nearly every franchise passing record, Mahomes picked up right



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Dee Ford, back right, causes Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck to fumble the ball for a turnover during the Chiefs' 31-13 divisional round win Saturday in Kansas City.

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Chris Jones
Chiefs defensive tackle

where he left off in his regular-season finale. He led the Chiefs on touchdown drives of 90 and 70 yards to open the game, quickly identified a favorite target in Travis Kelce, and shook off a banged-up knee to scramble for a touchdown late in the first half to give him a big cushion.

Of course, the Chiefs (13-4) didn't need it the way their defense was playing.

The Colts (11-7) went three-and-out on their first four possessions, were outgained 185-12 in the first quarter, and Luck didn't complete a pass until he found TY Hilton early in the second.

Their lone bright spot came when Zach Pascal recovered a blocked punt for a touchdown.

Even when the Colts caught a break and Sammy Watkins fumbled the ball to them late in the third quarter, they were quick to give it back. Dee Ford stripped Luck and fellow linebacker Justin Houston plopped on the ball, ruining another red-zone opportunity.

"It seemed like the rushers were getting there all night," Chiefs cornerback Kendall Fuller said. "Guys sticking coverage, playing good technique, good eyes and things like that."

The Colts finally scored an offensive touchdown with 5:31 left in the game. But in the perfect summation of their lousy afternoon, their erstwhile star kicker missed



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Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill gestures as he runs past Indianapolis Colts safety Clayton Geathers (26) and linebacker Anthony Walker on Saturday. Hill had 72 receiving yards and a touchdown run during the Chiefs' win.

the extra point.

By that point, the party in the stands already had begun.

The Chiefs had lost six straight home playoff games, including heartbreakers to Pittsburgh and Tennessee the past two years. But a proud franchise that won its only Super Bowl title with Len Dawson in 1970, and last played for a spot behind Joe Montana, is once more one step away.

Snowball fight: Reid was summoned to the corner of the stadium during the two-minute warning in the first half to implore fans to stop throwing snowballs on the field. Earlier in the half, one almost hit Colts punter Rigoberto Sanchez while he

was kicking.

Injuries: Colts: Center Ryan Kelly (knee) left late in the fourth quarter. ... FS Malik Hooker (foot) and DE Tyquan Lewis (knee) were inactive, while SS Mike Mitchell (calf) was placed on injured reserve earlier this week. That left the Colts defense without some key pieces.

Chiefs: Safety Eric Berry (heel) and running back Spencer Ware (hamstring) were inactive, though Berry — the team's emotional leader — broke down the pregame huddle in the north end zone.

Up next: Chiefs: Await the Chargers-Patriots winner in the AFC title game. Colts: Begin preparing for April's draft.

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Chiefs cruise past Colts

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Rams running back C.J. Anderson scores against the Cowboys during the first half of their divisional playoff game on Saturday in Los Angeles. The Rams won 30-22.

Rams trample Cowboys

Anderson, Gurley combine for 238 yards, three TDs

BY GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

The high-flying Los Angeles Rams kept the ball firmly on the ground, and they ran straight past the Dallas Cowboys for a breakthrough

playoff victory.

C.J. Anderson rushed for 123 yards and two touchdowns, and Todd Gurley ran for 115 more yards and another TD in the Rams' first postseason win in 14 years, 30-22 over the Cowboys in the divisional round Saturday night.

From the opening drive until the final

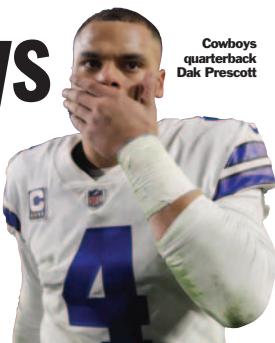
first down, Gurley and Anderson me-

thodically punished the Cowboys' normally sturdy run defense and sent the second-seeded Rams (14-5) to the NFC championship game for the first time in 17 years.

Los Angeles racked up a franchise

playoff-record 273 yards rushing. That's

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Dak Prescott

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